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'IISc, Bengaluru, top Indian varsity'

NEW DELHI

The Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (IISc) is the new national leader in the QS World University Rankings, 2023 released on Thursday, which also shows that all IITs improved their standing. The IISc ranks 155th globally, and is the global leader in the citations per faculty indicator, which QS uses to evaluate the impact of the research produced by universities. It is the fastest rising South Asian university among the top-200 universities in QS rankings.

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Presidential polls scheduled for July 18

Notification on June 15; counting of votes on July 21

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Thursday announced that the Presidential election would be held on July 18 and counting of votes, if required, would be held on July 21. President Ram Nath Kovind's term ends on July 24.

Announcing the schedule, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said the notification would be issued on June 15 and the last date for nominations would be June 29. The date for scrutiny of candidature would be June 30 and the last date for withdrawal of candidature would be July 2.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, right, during a news conference in New Delhi on Thursday. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The electoral college for the poll will comprise 4,809 members – 233 Rajya Sabha and 543 Lok Sabha members and 4,033 MLAs of the Assemblies of the States and the Union Territories of Delhi and Puducherry. The total value of votes will be 10,86,431 (5,43,200 for MPs or 700 votes each and 5,43,231 for MLAs based on the 1971 Census population figures).

This Presidential election will be the first to be held since the State of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh in 2019. The MLAs of J&K are no longer part of the electoral college. During the previous Presidential poll in 2017, the 87 MLAs of the State of J&K had 72 votes each, taking the total value of their votes to 6,264 out of the total of 10,98,903 votes.

Mr. Kumar said each candidate would require 50 members of the electoral college to propose their name and another 50 to second it. The polling would be carried out in the Parliament House for MPs and at the respective State Assemblies for MLAs, with the Rajya Sabha Secretary General declared as the Returning Officer.

The electors would cast their ballots using the pen provided by the EC as has been the norm, he said. Protocols regarding COVID-19 safety would be followed, he added.

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Test of unity for Opposition

With the date set for the Presidential polls, Congress President Sonia Gandhi has deputed Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge to reach out to the Opposition parties. Sources said that after informal talks with all parties, a joint meeting will be scheduled in Delhi. ▸ PAGE 12

Narsinghanand, Owaisi booked by Delhi Police

Mamata appeals for calm in Bengal

Protest path: AIMIM activists protesting in New Delhi on Thursday against the remarks made on the Prophet. • AFP

ARNABJIT SUR
SHIV SAHAY SINGH
NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

A day after they booked suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma for "spreading hate", the Delhi Police confirmed that a total of 31 persons were named in First Information Reports (FIRs) for hurting religious sentiments and spreading misinformation online.

They included All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi and Dasna Devi temple priest Yati Narsinghanand.

Two FIRs have been lodged in the case so far. The first FIR was based on tweets and statements posted by expelled Delhi BJP media unit head Naveen Jindal against Prophet Muhammed and Islam.

The other FIR names Ms. Sharma and several others, including journalist Saba Naqvi, Maulana Mufti Nadeem from Rajasthan, the Peace Party chief spokesperson Shadab Chauhan and Hindu Mahasabha member Pooja Shakun Pandey.

Meanwhile, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday urged the people of the State to maintain calm after demonstrations were held and roads were blocked by protesters over the objectionable comments by Mr. Jindal and Ms. Sharma. The Chief Minister demanded the arrest of Ms. Sharma.

"Had it happened in Bengal, I would have arrested her [Ms. Sharma]," Ms. Banerjee said.

Reacting sharply to the FIR against him, Mr. Owaisi, in a series of tweets, said the Delhi Police were "suffering from 'both sideism' or 'balance-*waad*' syndromes".

'Weak response'

Mr. Owaisi said, "It appears that the Delhi Police lack the courage to pursue cases against Yati, Nupur Sharma & Naveen Jindal etc. This is why the delayed & weak response... Delhi Police were probably trying to think of a way of registering an FIR against these people without offending Hindutvadi fanboys/girls"

The police said that on the basis of the material available on social media and articles published in newspapers and on other fora, it was found that some persons were using "hateworthy language intentionally", while "having complete knowledge that use of such type of language is not only discriminatory" but more than sufficient to create a situation of animosity among different groups.

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'Monitoring situation at Pak. mission'

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

India is "monitoring" the security situation for its High Commission in Islamabad in the wake of the controversy over comments on Prophet Muhammed, sources said, as groups in Pakistan called for protest in several cities to take place on Friday.

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Hyderabad rape: police get custody of 5 minors

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad police on Thursday got five-day custody of five minor boys allegedly involved in the gangrape of a 17-year-old girl at Jubilee Hills here on May 28 for questioning. The Juvenile Justice Board, while giving permission for custody, directed the police to question the minors in the juvenile home itself at Saidabad where they were lodged after arrest. The police in plainclothes will record their statements in the presence of lawyers.

Initially the custody was sought on Tuesday while the parents of the boys moved bail petitions on Wednesday. A petition on test identification parade to let the victim identify the culprits was filed by the police on Thursday.

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Mohanlal to face trial in ivory case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Actor Mohanlal will have to face trial in the wildlife crime case booked against him for the illegal possession of two pairs of ivory as a trial court on Thursday dismissed the State government's plea to withdraw the prosecution proceedings against him.

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BBMP submits draft ward delimitation report

45 new wards created in BBMP area

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) submitted the draft of the ward delimitation report to the Urban Development Department (UDD) on Thursday. The draft report increases the number of wards in the BBMP area to 243 from 198, creating 45 new wards in the same area, mostly in the outer zones. The delimitation exercise is carried out under the new BBMP Act, 2020. With this, the city has moved one step closer to holding the civic polls.

Rakesh Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, UDD, said the Department would soon notify the draft calling for public objections. Sources say the government will give two weeks time for the public to file their objections.

The Supreme Court on May 20 accepted the State government's submission seeking eight weeks time to finalise ward delimitation and OBC reservation and hold civic polls in the city. "We are presently in the third week and it will likely take another four weeks for the government to issue final notification of the new delimited wards, well within the eight week deadline," said a senior civic official.

The Justice Bhaktavatsalam Committee tasked with three-step verification of political representation of OBCs in the city, is yet to submit their report. "We have submitted details of all councillors who have been elected from the 1990s to the Bhaktavatsalam Committee," said chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath.

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RS fourth seat has everyone guessing

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

On the eve of the Rajya Sabha elections on Friday, uncertainly prevailed on how the number game would play out for the fourth seat.

With candidates from all three parties – BJP, Congress and JDS – in fray for the fourth seat without adequate numbers, rumours of possible cross-voting were rife, and back channel negotiations between Congress and JDS were still on, even as they traded charges against each other.

Of the four seats from Karnataka, BJP's candidates Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and actor Jaggesh, and Congress candidate Jairam Ramesh are expected to sail through. The fourth seat is being hotly contested with Lahar Singh Siroya (BJP), Mansoor Ali Khan (Congress) and D. Kupendra Reddy (JD-S) in the fray.

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Karnataka among top three States in EV registration

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

With a nearly five-fold increase in the registration of electric vehicles (EV) between 2018 and 2021, Karnataka is one among the top three States in the country in EV registrations.

According to the report, 'Roadmap for transformation of Bengaluru to a Global EV Lighthouse City in India' prepared by the UK Government, NITI Aayog, and the Government of Karnataka, in 2018, the total number of EV registrations in the State was 3,806, while in November 2021, it was 22,264. The report provides projections and guidelines to transform Bengaluru into a 'Global EV Lighthouse City'.

While Karnataka has a higher level of adoption to EV in the country, an Excel-based tool, which was developed for the EV penetration analysis of Bengaluru, showed that electric two and three-wheeler vehicles will lead the EV adoption in Bengaluru by 2030. "Electric vehicle sales penetration in Bengaluru will reach 30% for private cars, 70% for commercial vehicles, 40% for buses and 80% for two and three-wheelers by 2030. Contrastingly, the penetration of electric buses and electric private vehicles (PV), i.e., electric four-wheelers, will increase at a slower rate as compared to other electric vehicle segments," the report says.

As the number of EVs increases, the need for charging points is also bound to increase. The projection in the report shows that by 2030, the city would need at least 58,416 charging points to cater to the demand, which also means that the energy demand would go up to 11.73 gigawatt hours by then.

Recommendations for State's EV Policy

- Support for EV charging, infrastructure at homes and workplaces
- Support for R&D by partnering with global research institutes
- Support for skill development, awareness generation
- Support for EV manufacturing and battery recycling

But the report says that Bengaluru has several factors to help make it one of the 'Global EV Lighthouse Cities,' the most important of which being a conducive EV and energy storage policy of the State. It further lists a thriving technology industry with 40% of the country's IT industries, over 45 EV innovation startups from the city and an organised, deep network of logistics and service providers as other factors.

Along with these strengths, the report also identifies challenges for an electric mobility transformation in the city. The need for more battery charging and swapping stations, more data about e-mobility, a lot of skill development and most importantly, lack of awareness are the major challenges.

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State lost 70 elephants in 2021

Of these, 15 deaths have been attributed to unnatural causes

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MYSURU

Karnataka, which harbours around 6,000 elephants in the wild as per the 2017 census, lost 70 of them due to various causes in 2021.

Of these, 15 were attributed to unnatural causes, including 10 due to electrocution. One elephant was killed in a train accident, another was shot, one elephant died due to injuries caused by snares while the cause of death was not ascertained in one case. The remaining were classified as death due to natural causes.

This is evident in the mortality details of elephants in the State that has been uploaded by the Forest Department and is akin to tiger mortality figures uploaded by the National Tiger Conservation Authority. While the deaths due to natural causes are not reckoned to be worrying given the elephant population range in the State, the deaths due to electrocution alone underlines the prevailing human-elephant conflict in the State.

Karnataka harbours nearly 6,000 elephants as per the 2017 census. • M.A. SRIRAM

In Karnataka, elephants are mainly found in the southern parts and 36 of them have died in Chamarajanagar circle, while there were 12 deaths in Mysuru, 10 in Kodagu, 7 in Bengaluru, 4 in Hassan, and 1 in Chikkamagaluru circle, according to authorities.

Saswathi Mishra, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and in charge of Project Elephant, said the mortality figures were normal given the elephant population range and the deaths owing to natural causes were mainly due to old age, infection or injuries incurred during infighting.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Breaking the record

129 The number of years after which an Indian cricket team broke the record of hitting eight half-centuries in an innings. Nine batsmen hit half-centuries in the domestic Ranji Trophy. Bengal scored 773 for 7 in the first innings of their quarter-final against Jharkhand in Bangalore on Wednesday. The Indian team's innings beat a first-class record that had stood since 1893, when a touring Australian side scored eight half-centuries in an innings against a combined team from Oxford and Cambridge universities. AFP

Coal imports

2.416 In million tonnes, the amount of coal State-owned Coal India Limited (CIL) floated in its maiden international competitive bidding e-tender to ensure an adequate supply of fuel to power plants in India. The development assumes significance in the wake of the government making efforts to stock coal to avoid the reoccurrence of power outages. The government had directed CIL to be prepared to import 12 million tonnes of coal for power utilities for the next 13 months. PTI

Refugees in Europe

4.8 In million, the number of Ukrainians who have been registered as refugees across 44 European countries since Russia launched its invasion in the country less than four months ago, the United Nations said on Thursday. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees data shows more than 7.3 million border crossings out of Ukraine as of June 7, 2022. The UN's International Organisation for Migration estimates that more than eight million people have been displaced so far within the country. AFP

Shrinking economy

15 In %, the contraction expected in the Russian economy in 2022. It is expected to shrink another 3% by 2023, due to the sanctions on the country since its invasion of Ukraine, according to the Institute of International Finance, a global banking trade group. The trade group further explained that this wipes out 15 years of Russia's economic growth. Though the resilience of the Russian currency has partially shielded its economy from the full impact of sanctions, the finance institute argued that the sanctions are weakening Russia's economy. AP

Hunger in Brazil

33.1 In million, the number of people living in hunger in Brazil from 2020, a "historic setback" for a country that had made huge gains against poverty, a report by the Brazilian Network for Research on Food Security said on Wednesday. This represents 15.5% of households in the country of 213 million people, according to the study, which was based on data collected between November 2021 and April 2022. The researchers found that food insecurity affected more than half of rural households. AFP

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EXPLAINER

The Indian patent regime and its clash with the U.S. norms

The U.S. Trade Representative highlighted IP challenges in India in its annual Special 301 report released last month

THE GIST

- India became a party to the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement following its membership to the World Trade Organisation on January 1, 1995.
- The U.S., in its yearly Special 301 report, highlighted a range of issues in the Indian section, ranging from copyright and piracy to trademark counterfeiting and trade secrets.
- It stated that India must not compromise on the patentability criteria under Section 3(d) since as a sovereign country it has the "flexibility to stipulate limitations on grants of patents in consistence with its prevailing socio-economic conditions."

SRUTHI DARBHAMULLA

The story so far: The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) said in a report released last month that India was one of the most challenging major economies as far as IP protection and enforcement is concerned. It has decided to retain India on its Priority Watch List along with six other countries –Argentina, Chile, China, Indonesia, Russia and Venezuela. Among the issues raised in the report are India's inconsistencies regarding patent protection, including concerns about what can be patented, waiting time for obtaining patents, burdensome reporting requirements, and doubts about data safety. India had undertaken an intellectual property review exercise last year, where a Parliamentary Standing Committee examined this subject.

The Indian patent regime

A patent is an exclusive set of rights granted for an invention, which may be a product or process that provides a new way of doing something or offers a new technical solution to a problem. Indian patents are governed by the Indian Patent Act of 1970.

India has gradually aligned itself with international regimes pertaining to intellectual property rights. It became a party to the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement following its membership to the World Trade Organisation on January 1, 1995.

India is also a signatory to several IPR related conventions, including the Berne Convention, which governs copyright, the Budapest Treaty, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), all of which govern various patent-related matters.

An interesting point is that the original Indian Patents Act did not grant patent protection to pharmaceutical products to ensure that medicines were available at a low price. Patent protection of pharmaceuticals were re-introduced after the 2005 amendment to comply with TRIPS.

Last month, the U.S. released its yearly Special 301 report, its annual review highlighting the state of intellectual property rights protection in different countries which are its trading partners around the world.

In its India section, the report highlighted a range of issues in domains ranging from copyright and piracy to trademark counterfeiting and trade secrets, saying that India "remained one of the world's most challenging major economies with respect to protection and enforcement of IP."

It said patent issues continued "to be of particular concern in India," highlighting the threat of patent revocations, lack of presumption of patent validity and narrow patentability criteria as issues which "impact companies across different sectors."

The USTR had also released a similar report in 2021, addressing much of the same concerns.

These, and general issues regarding IPR were extensively tackled by the Parliamentary Standing Committee which undertook a 'review of the intellectual property rights regime in India,'. The Committee tabled its findings before the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha in July last year.

Article 3(d) of the Indian Patent Act

This offered an insight into the landscape of Indian intellectual property law and where it is reasonably in sync with American patent laws and where it diverges. One of the main points of contention between India and the U.S. has been Article 3(d) of the Indian Patent Act.

Section 3 deals with what does not qualify as an invention under the Act, and Section 3(d) in particular excludes "the mere discovery of a new form of a known substance which does not result in the enhancement of the known efficacy of that substance or the mere discovery of any new property or new use for a known substance or of the mere use of a known process, machine or apparatus unless such known process results in a new product or employs at least one new reactant" from being eligible for protection under patent law.

This was addressed by the Parliamentary Standing Committee as well, which pointed out that the section "acts as a safeguard against frivolous inventions in accordance with the flexibility provided in the TRIPS agreement."

Section 3(d), as mentioned above, prevents the mere discovery of any new property or new use for a known substance from being patented as an invention unless it enhances the efficacy of the substancerepetitive . This prevents, what is known as "evergreening" of patents.

According to the Committee's report, Section 3(d) allows for "generic competition by patenting only novel and genuine inventions."

TRIPS and the Doha Declaration

The Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health was adopted on November 14, 2021, by the WTO member states. This declaration recognises the "gravity of public health problems affecting developing and least developed nations" and stresses the need for TRIPS to be part of the wider national and international action to address these problems.

It recognises that "intellectual property protection is important for the development of new medicines," and acknowledges concerns about its effects on prices. Saying that the TRIPS agreement "does not and should not prevent members from taking measures to protect public health," the declaration points out that the agreement "can and should be interpreted and implemented in a manner supportive of WTO members' right to protect public health and, in particular, to promote access to medicines for all."

Compulsory licences can be invoked by a state in public interest, allowing companies apart from the patent owner to produce a patented product without consent.

It concluded that India must not compromise on the patentability criteria under Section 3(d) since as a sovereign country it has the "flexibility to stipulate limitations on grants of patents in consistence with its prevailing socio-economic conditions." It said that this ensures the growth of generic drug makers and the public's access to affordable medicines.

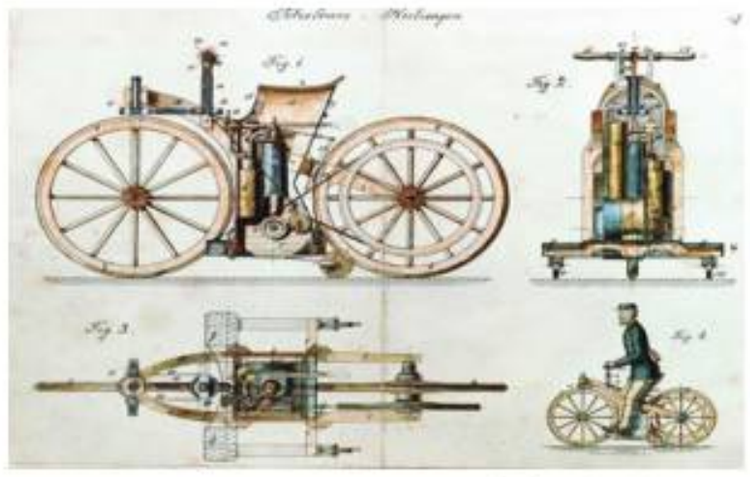
It indicated that India should resolve its differences with the U.S. regarding the disqualification of incremental inventions through bilateral dialogue.

Positive steps

The report highlighted some positive steps taken by India in the recent past, such as the accession to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Performances and Phonograms Treaty and WIPO Copyright Treaty, collectively known as the WIPO Internet Treaties, in 2018 and the Nice Agreement in 2019.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee too noted amendments pertaining to Form 27, under the Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2020. Some notable changes include allowing a single Form 27 to be filed for multiple related patents, filing of joint forms if there are more patentees and allowing authorised agents to submit forms.

India and the U.S. will continue to engage on IP matters, the report says, especially through the Trade Policy Forum's Intellectual Property Working Group.



The figures in Reitwagen patent.

EXPLAINER

The battlefield for the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections

The biennial Rajya Sabha polls are scheduled for June 10 and a close contest is expected in Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Karnataka

DIKSHA MUNJAL

The story so far: While 41 candidates have been elected unopposed out of the 57 Rajya Sabha seats up for election across 15 States, the contest for the 16 remaining seats will be witnessed on June 10 in Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Karnataka, where parties have fielded more nominees than their legislative strength in the State Assemblies. The race for the biennial Rajya Sabha polls in those four States intensified as parties traded allegations of poaching or horse-trading.

How are Rajya Sabha members elected?

Only elected members of the State Legislative Assemblies can vote in a Rajya Sabha election. Polls are held to send a batch of new members to the Upper House every two years for a six-year term. A third of Rajya Sabha MPs from each State retire once in two years and polls are held to fill up the vacancies. The Rajya Sabha is a permanent House and is not subject to dissolution.

Candidates of a particular party can be elected to the Upper House based on their party's strength in the State Legislative Assembly. Voting is by single transferable vote which means elector can vote for any number of candidates in order of their preference. A candidate requires a specified number of first preference votes to win and each vote has a value of 100.

The number of first preference votes required for a single MP varies in each State based on the size of the Legislative Assembly and the number of seats for which elections are taking place.

Polling will be held from 9 am to 4 pm in the respective State Assemblies and votes would be counted from 5 pm on June 10.

What is the current composition of the Rajya Sabha?

The strength of the Rajya Sabha is 245, out of which 95 seats are held by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as of May 25. The Congress (INC) holds the second-highest number of seats at 29, followed by the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) at 13, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagham (DMK) at 10, and the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) at eight each.

Notably, while its current tally is 95, the BJP had reached a tally of 100 in the Rajya Sabha last month, after winning three seats in the North East. The tally came down to 95 in early May as the terms of five of its MPs ended.

Out of the 57 seats in the current round, 11 are in Uttar Pradesh; six seats each from Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; five from Bihar; four each from Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka; three each from Madhya Pradesh and Odisha; two each from Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Punjab, and Haryana; and one from Uttarakhand.

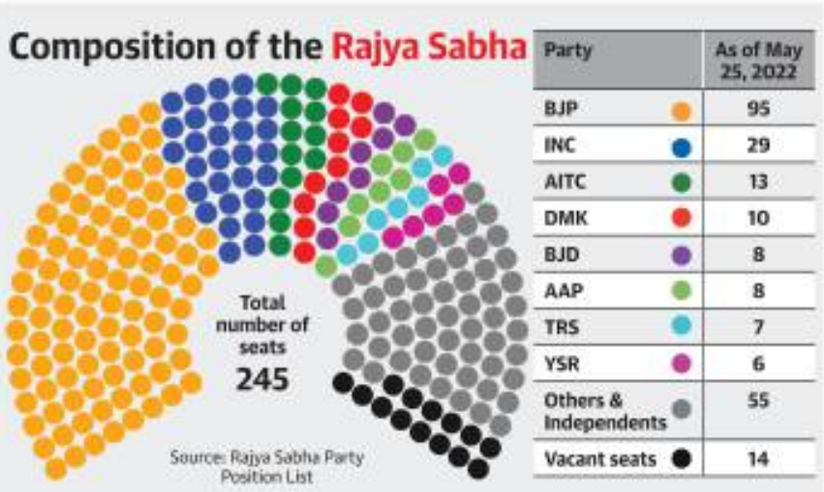
The BJP held 24 of the 57 seats that became vacant; nine were Congress seats, and four held by the Samajwadi Party (SP). Of the BJP's 24 seats, it is likely to retain only 20 seats in the upcoming Rajya Sabha polls, potentially bringing its current total of 95 members down to 91.

Prominent parties in States

The contest in Rajasthan is set to be tricky as both the Congress and the BJP have fielded candidates beyond their legislative strength in the Rajasthan Assembly. While the Congress is well placed to secure two wins as it has a majority of 108 seats in the 200-member Legislative Assembly,the BJP, with 71 seats in the Assembly, has the strength set to secure one Upper House berth.

In Maharashtra, of the six seats being contested, the Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition comprising the Shiv Sena, NCP, and Congress is set to secure three of the six Upper House berths. The BJP, which is numerically the single largest party (with 106 seats) is set to comfortably get two seats but has decided to contest for a third seat.

In Karnataka, the contest for the fourth seat is expected to be tricky. While three seats were left vacant due to the retirement of Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, BJP MP K.C. Ramamurthy and senior Congress member Jairam Ramesh, the fourth seat has been vacant since 2021, following the death of former Union Minister Oscar Fernandes.



Party	As of May 25, 2022
BJP	95
INC	29
AITC	13
DMK	10
BJD	8
AAP	8
TRS	7
YSR	6
Others & Independents	55
Vacant seats	14

THE GIST

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The new delimited wards: outdated on arrival?

Delimitation exercise is based on National Census, 2011, when the Bengaluru's population was just 84 lakh

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BENGALURU

The new ward delimitation exercise is supposed to fix the disparity in ward sizes and population in the city. On paper, it does, but the ground reality will be vastly different, drawing criticism that the new delimited wards will be outdated on arrival.

Presently, the ward sizes vary from an average population per ward of 28,541 in Shivajinagar to 1,00,347 in Yeshwanthpur Assembly constituencies. Outer zone wards have a larger area and population than core city wards. The ward delimitation theoretically fixes this. "We have carried out delimitation increasing the number of wards to 243, with a uniform average population of 34,700 with a maximum variation of 10%. There are 45 new wards created in the same area," said Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath.

Presently, the ward sizes vary from an average population per ward of 28,541 in Shivajinagar to 1,00,347 in Yeshwanthpur Assembly constituencies in Bengaluru. •FILE PHOTO

Ward delimitation		
	Existing	Draft delimitation
Number of wards	198	243
Average population	28,541 - 1,00,347	34,700

While the new Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020 provides for expansion of the BBMP area by one kilometre from the existing boundary, the committee has chosen not to expand the Palike's boundary.

Population growth

However, the ground reality of the new wards will be vastly different, as the delimitation exercise is based on the 11-year-old National Census, 2011, when the city's population was 84 lakh. BBMP presently works on an extrapolated population of 1.34 crore, a whopping 60% jump, which is unaccounted for in the ward delimitation exercise, making the new wards outdated on arrival.

Bengaluru Navanirmana Party, a new party with exclusive focus on Bengaluru, has come out with a proposal to use the latest electoral list as the basis for ward delimitation to ensure the ground reality to be reflected in the new wards. "Not only has the city's population grown exponentially over the last decade, but its growth is more skewed spatially in the outskirts compared to the core city. So, if we take the 2011 census as the basis, we end up with skewed wards yet again," said Srikanth Narasimhan, Founder and General Secretary of BNP. V. Ravichandar, former member of BBMP Restructuring Committee, said that given how the growth of population is at a higher rate in the outer zones while some areas in the core city may have also seen a drop in its population, opting for a uniform ward size would itself make the wards uneven in a short time. "Ideally, we need to have a lower average population for a ward in outer zones seeing a fast paced growth and a higher average population for a ward in the core city, so that a few years down the line, we bring parity between wards," he argued. However, Chief Civic commissioner Mr. Giri Nath said that the civic body's hands were tied. As per rules, delimitation of all electoral constituencies has to be carried out based on the most recent census data available. "Ideally we should have got the National Census, 2021. However, due to the pandemic, census exercise has been delayed and we have had to rely on the 2011 census," he said.

Congress opposes

The opposition Congress has come down heavily on the delimitation of wards. "Instead of officers, the exercise was carried out by RSS in Keshava Krupa and the officers have blindly signed off on the draft without application of their mind. Instead of the convenience of the people, the entire exercise seems to have had only the interest of ruling BJP in mind," alleged Ramalinga Reddy, Working President, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee.

"Once the draft is notified, we will go through it carefully and file our objections. If our inputs are not taken and suitable changes made, we are thinking of challenging the delimitation legally as well," Mr. Reddy said.

Bommai clears Bommasandra-Hosur metro rail link plan

P. V. SRIVIDYA
HOSUR

The Karnataka government has approved the plan for extension of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation's project from Bommasandra to Hosur. It is now for the Tamil Nadu government to take up a study for the extension, according to a letter from the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to the Secretary, Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

The letter was shared with *The Hindu* by A. Chellakumar, Krishnagiri MP, who pitched the proposal before Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

At a meeting with Mr. Bommai in March this year, Dr. Chellakumar, accompanied by Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, presented the plan.

A win for both States

The metro connectivity to Hosur was unanimously seen as a victory for both States as it will help thousands of inter-State commuters and link the manufacturing hub of Hosur and Bengaluru.

Phase-II of BMRCL's metro corridor is being implemented up to Bommasandra from the R.V. Road metro station (Phase-I), a length of 19 km.

Hosur is located 20.4 km away from the Bommasandra metro terminal. Of this length, 11.7 km falls in Karnataka and 8.8 km in Tamil Nadu.

Coordination required

In the letter, BMRCL has said the inter-State project will require "utmost coordination between Karnataka and Taml Nadu" in the sharing of the project cost and monetary support during the operation of the system.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dr. Chellakumar termed the approval "transformative". He said he had met the Chairperson of Chennai Metro Rail Corporation.

"It is felt that BMRCL would be better equipped to carry out the study for the length up to Hosur since it is implementing Phase-II up to Bommasandra. Tamil Nadu will incur the cost of the study by BMRCL up to Hosur, it has been suggested," said Dr. Chellakumar.

But BMRCL may carry out the study only with the concurrence of the Karnataka government.

Mr. Bommai approved the proposal, noting that the Tamil Nadu government could conduct the study for the Bommasandra-Hosur line.

Since BMRCL is willing to carry out the study with the government's concurrence, Dr. Chellakumar is seeking a meeting with the Chief Ministers of both States.

Stolen goods recovered

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Whitefield Division Police recently arrested 20 persons and recovered nine cars, 45 two wheelers, 135 mobiles, one laptop, 5 cameras, 150 grams of gold ornaments and 1.5 kg of silver articles of worth ₹1.65 crore.

Among them, HAL police have arrested one Charan Raj from whom police have recovered nine luxury cars and 5 high end cameras worth ₹1 crore. Charan Raj used to befriend people on social media platforms, meet them and then create a ruse and borrow their car or camera for a day and flee with them, police said.

MLA's daughter gets into tiff with police

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A woman driving a high-end BMW car who was stopped at the GPO junction for rash driving, got into an argument with the traffic police and had a bitter tiff with them.

She later revealed that she was the daughter of BJP MLA Arvind Limbavali and argued with the police that she was not driving rashly. Television cameras at the spot to cover a BJP event captured the entire argument, to which she took objection to as well. "When checked, there were a few pending cases against the vehicle amounting to ₹9000. Over that, she was levied a fine of ₹1000 for rash driving. She paid a fine of ₹10,000 and left the spot eventually," a senior traffic police officer said. Later in the day, Mr. Limbavali said that he would apologise if his daughter's behaviour had hurt anyone.

Gang of chain snatchers held

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

South Division Police have busted a gang of notorious chain-snatchers and cracked a slew of chain-snatching, assault, robbery and other cases in 11 police stations across the city. All the three members of the gang are rowdy sheeters and have multiple cases pending against them.

The arrested have been identified as Ramesh, 30, from KR Pet, Mandya district, Akash, 24, from Machohalli, Magadi Road and Mohammed Mudassir, 23, from Anchepalya. Ramesh is a rowdy sheeter and has several cases of assault and murder pending against him.

Police have now recovered ₹7.5 lakh worth gold ornaments and two wheelers from the gang.

471 new COVID-19 cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Thursday saw 471 new infections taking the total number of cases to 39,54,784. With this the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) touched 2.14% and the weekly TPR touched 1.73%. Of the new cases, 458 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With zero deaths, the State's toll remained 40,066. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded. As many as 214 persons were discharged on Thursday.

Government of Karnataka
Zilla Panchayat
Social Welfare Department, Shivamogga
Office of the Deputy Director, Prithvi Mansion, 100 Ft Road, Vinobanagar, Shivamogga. Ph No. 08182-249241 E-mail: **dswsmg@gmail.com**

E-procurement Tender Notification

ಸಂ: ಜಿ.ಪಂ/ಸೆಶಾ/ಮಿಪ್ರಶಾಲೆ/ಟೆಪ್ರ-34/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.06.2022

Tenders have been invited from the interested bidders through e-procurement portal for the purchase of **17 most essential materials from among the various basic materials to be provided to a model residential school/college for residential schools in Shivamogga district** coming under the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Association. The interested bidders can upload the tender forms before **23.06.2022 , 5.30 P M.** through website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. For more information, contact the Office of the Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Prithvi Mansion, Vinobanagar, Shivamogga. Office telephone No. 08182-249241.

Sd/- Deputy Director
DIPR/SMG/No.56-06/Zeekar/2022-23 **Social Welfare Department, Shivamogga**

NMDC LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)
10-3-311/A, CASTLE HILLS, MASAB TANK, HYDERABAD-500 028
Telephone: 0091-40-23538710/770, 23538713 to 23538721,
Ext: 138/270/249, Email: csreddy@nmdc.co.in; bmkumar@nmdc.co.in
jpsingh@nmdc.co.in, CIN-L13100TG1958GOI001674

Tender No. HQMM/2037-21/1100000368/429 **Dated:09/06/2022**

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Online Tenders are invited through E-Procurement Mode for the following equipment from reputed manufacturers directly or through their accredited agents in India required for NMDC Ltd., BIOM, Bacheli Complex & Kirandul Complex, Dantewada (Dist) of Chhattisgarh (State) India.

Description of Equipment	Qty (No.)	Pre-Bid meeting	Display of Tender Documents Period	Last date & time for submission of offer	Earnest Money Deposit in ₹
49KL/50KL capacity water sprinklers along with Operation and Maintenance Spares for 6 Years / 12,000 Hours whichever is earlier as per specifications mentioned in Annexure-III	02	22.06.2022 At 11.00AM	**DRAFT:** 10-06-2022 TO 22-06-2022 **FINAL(Tentative dates):** 05-07-2022 TO 26-07-2022	26-07-2022 2.30 PM	₹ 500000/-

Complete Tender document is available in website www.nmdc.co.in, www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome & http://eprocure.gov.in

Any corrigendum to the above tender will be uploaded only on our website www.nmdc.co.in and will not be published. Prospective bidders should visit the above NMDC Limited website from time to time to take note of corrigendum, if any.

For further details logon to Tender Section of our website: **www.nmdc.co.in**

Chief General Manager (Materials)

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TWAD BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS–TWO COVER–ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission - Short term)

IFB No.	24 /F. MVS /Trichy/JJM/ /SDO/CE-TNJ/2022/Dated.09.06.2022
IFB No.	25/F. Retrofitting /Trichy/JJM/ /SDO/CE-TNJ/2022/Dated.09.06.2022
Fund	JJM Fund 2022-2023
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Integrated Office Complex, First Floor, No.243/2,Thanjavur-Trichy Main Road,Pillayarpatty,Thanjavur-613 403
Sale of Bid	**14.06.2022 to 04.07.2022 up to 17.45 hours (as per server time)**
Available website	E-Tendering website www.tntenders.gov.in.
EMD Payable at	Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Perambalur
Pre Bid meeting	**22.06.2022** at **11.00 hours** at the office of the CE,TWAD Board, Thanjavur
Bid Submission	**05.07.2022** up to **15.00 hours** Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering portal
Bid opening	**06.07.2022** at **15.30 hours** at the office of the Tender Invitee through E-Tendering Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore including GST) Bid	Bid security (Rs.in lakh)
24	Multi Village Scheme- WSS to 15 habitations in Veppanthattai union in Perambalur district (Construction period : 12 months and Paid Maintenance :12 months)	Rs.10.27	Rs.7.70
25	Retrofitting - CWSS to Perambalur Municipality, Kurambalur RTP and 116 wayside habs, in Perambalur & Trichy district	Rs.10.17	Rs.7.62

DIPR / 2734 / Tender / 2022

Chief Engineer
TWAD Board,Thanjavur.

FORM No. STK - 6
PUBLIC NOTICE
[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, KARNATAKA
'E' WING, II FLOOR, KENDRIYA SADAN, KORAMANGALA, BANGALORE - 560 034

Public Notice No.02/STK -6 / 2022 **Date: 09.06.2022**

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of companies under section 248 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of :

SL	COMPANY NAME	CIN
1	AARLIP DECOR AND FURNISHING PRIVATE LIMITED	U20299KA2016PTC094905
2	ACCELOPT NETWORKS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC080154
3	ADIKRUTHA CREATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC129564
4	ADIKRUTHA DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45209KA2019PTC129689
5	AEROTROPOLIS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U45309KA2021PTC146404
6	AGATHI INVENTORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U80904KA2018PTC117276
7	AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U15100KA2017PTC106826
8	AMRUTH BIO CROP SCIENCE PRIVATE LIMITED	U24299KA2018PTC114896
9	ANSR CORPORATE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC093052
10	ANYMEDIC TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72400KA2015PTC083540
11	APPTION DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC083959
12	AQUAFARM DOCTOR FORMULATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U24129KA2020PTC141675
13	ARAXIA INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2018PTC117355
14	AUTOVA INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC109452
15	AZWAMEDHA PHARMACEUTICAL PRIVATE LIMITED	U33110KA2019PTC126331
16	BAS VISSKAN AVIATION INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018FTC118754
17	BINARYTONE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC128438
18	BLEUMING TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC101673
19	BLUELIFE SWIMMING ACADEMY (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U92490KA2018OPC117477
20	BRAVISS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74997KA2016PTC096566
21	BREVAR OFFSHORING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2016PTC087064
22	CADMUS AGROTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U31908KA2013PTC068357
23	CAREBEAR HEALTH TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U85100KA2018PTC117621
24	CENTRE FOR EXPERIENCE EDUCATION AND CRITICAL ORIENTATION PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC149758
25	CPLUS ELEVATORS AND ESCALATORS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC120074
26	CRESTICA TECHNOLOGIES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019OPC120039
27	DATA DIVERSITY TECHNOLOGIES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2012PTC062851
28	DHARANA AI SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC112791
29	DHAWAN IMPEX PRIVATE LIMITED	U51311KA2003PTC032233
30	DHEEMAHI FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED	U65991KA2018PTC110242
31	DYNATALENT SOLUTION PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC119059
32	EDUCALCY PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC127947
33	EMENBE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030KA2018PTC116515
34	ENDIF CONTROL TECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC114564
35	ENDOQURE HEALTH SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC101435
36	EXCITE INFOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2017PTC099164
37	FABEDGE STUDIO PRIVATE LIMITED	U20299KA2020PTC137184
38	FAMOUSENUF TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2016PTC086462
39	FLYWEIGHT PASSENGER'S SERVICE PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030KA2019PTC121907
40	FONIER IT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC119493
41	GMAB SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72300KA2006PTC040587
42	GMAB SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72300KA2006PTC040587
43	HABANERO SAUCES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549KA2019PTC119983
44	HARVEST INFOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2003PTC031423
45	HONGXIN TECHNOLOGY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC134864
46	HORA FINCONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC137964
47	HSC PHARMA PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2012PTC062043
48	HYPERTECH TRAVEL PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2014PTC075807
49	INKAT TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2012PTC067203
50	ISOTECT CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45400KA2019PTC126693
51	ISPL SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U31909KA1991PTC012386
52	IT HAT CONSULTING SERVICES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017OPC102228
53	JIVIN GREEN REALTY PRIVATE LIMITED	U70100KA2012PTC067132
54	JOUSKA TECH PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC081119
55	JUME ANALYTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC109102
56	KADAMBAT CHITS PRIVATE LIMITED	U65992KA2019PTC122380
57	KEYFI APPLICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC129326
58	KINDLING CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2020PTC138532
59	KUMAR RAMAN SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U45203KA2020PTC138846
60	L B GATES PRIVATE LIMITED	U70100KA1997PTC022824
61	LAHJAR MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC140640
62	LAZY BEE BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15549KA2018PTC116907
63	MAKERSTAN PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC117350
64	MARUTHI-IT.COM PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2000PTC026451
65	METLINX TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC079469
66	MIND 02 HEALTH PRIVATE LIMITED	U85320KA2019PTC127196
67	MIXCLE FOOD AND BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15100KA2018PTC114250
68	MOBTEXTING COMMUNICATION PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018PTC118117
69	MONEYVATION TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2015PTC082429
70	MP2 STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U93090KA2021PTC147984
71	MVM INFRACON PRIVATE LIMITED	U45205KA2011PTC057047
72	MYCLASS PRODUCTS AND SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC083862
73	NEPTONA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC142787
74	NUTNLIFE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74990KA2018PTC117851
75	NVS BUSINESS AND TRAVEL SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC130555
76	OFFSHORE FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED	U85110KA1993PLC014135
77	OIL CONTROL VALVES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U29120KA2003PTC032315
78	PERCEPTRON LEARNING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U80301KA2014PTC077868
79	PMKS STAFFING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2021PTC143595
80	POORNA AGRANEE COMMISSION PRIVATE LIMITED	U51909KA2013PTC070578
81	PREMIER AIR GASES PRIVATE LIMITED	U24111KA1994PTC016054
82	PRIME CARBONIC PRIVATE LIMITED	U01120KA1991PTC011730
83	PRIME GASES(INDIA)PRIVATE LIMITED	U24111KA1994PTC016053
84	RAA STONES PRIVATE LIMITED	U14290KA2016PTC092951
85	RAITABANDHU TAILODYAM PRIVATE LIMITED	U15142KA1993PTC014475
86	RAJGARH SECURITIES PRIVATE LIMITED.	U45300KA2007PTC044374
87	RAKI PETPALS IT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC118540
88	RC BLUE WATER PRIVATE LIMITED	U41000KA2012PTC061951
89	REDCHIFFONAI SOFTWARE PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC132593
90	RENREN TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	U72100KA2019PTC130561
91	RITASHI SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2020PTC134997
92	RKM TEXTILES PRIVATE LIMITED	U85110KA1995PTC016953
93	S P CHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED	U02411KA1980PTC004008
94	SAFEPROMPT LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030KA2017PTC098968
95	SAFFRON CUBIC SOLUTIONS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U74140KA2000PTC066194
96	SATVA MEDITOUR PRIVATE LIMITED	U74900KA2016PTC093963
97	SELFIEFOODS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC100594
98	SHIPPABLE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2014FTC074330
99	SITAREY LABORATORY (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U85300KA2019OPC123679
100	SMIN ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U45400KA2018PTC118693
101	SPORTURF AGRITECHNIQUES PRIVATE LIMITED	U29210KA2014PTC076883
102	SREE NARAYANEE INTERNATIONAL FOODS & BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED	U15400KA2014PTC076787
103	SRI LAKSHMI PROFILE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U28990KA2019PTC123684
104	SRI VENKATESHWARA CLOTH EMPORIUM WHOLESALE AND RETAIL (OPC)	U52609KA2017OPC102426
105	STATIFY DIGITAL CONSULTING (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2019OPC121372
106	STOREN (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U29308KA2021OPC147913
107	SUNCOLECT(INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED	U31909KA2016PTC095192
108	SURAKAV MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES INDIA (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2018OPC113399
109	SVANAVI TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2018PTC114242
110	TAIHEIYO PROMAC ENGINEERING PRIVATE LIMITED	U29220KA2013PTC068720
111	TANZ INK GLOBAL INFOMATIX PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC156053
112	TECHNODHARA SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2021PTC150362
113	TECHSAGE SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U72200KA2015PTC084487
114	TECHSMAC SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2016PTC097620
115	UNITFORCE INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED	U45200KA2007PTC041923
116	WHOLISTIC BIRTHING CENTRE PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2017PTC103776
117	XIU TECHNOLOGY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	U72900KA2020PTC133432
118	YOUBOD SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	U74999KA2019PTC122833
119	YOUGROWCULTURE FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED	U01407KA2016PTC086015
120	YOVIN TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED	U63030KA2019PTC128484

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company (ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company (ies) have obtained the status of dormant company, but it/they do not wish to continue its/ their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

2) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

3) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off of name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Sd/-
C.V. SAJEEVAN
Registrar of Companies, Karnataka

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A still from *Stranger Things*. •

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Queer coding smudges the rainbow on screen

By only hinting at characters as queer and not overtly defining them in that manner, shows and films miss the opportunity to truly represent the LGBTQIA+ community

THE GIST

- Queer-baiting is a marketing technique used by production houses in which creators hint at, but do not actually depict same-sex or other LGBTQIA+ representation.
- Hollywood adopted the Hays Code which was a set of self-imposed guidelines by the industry and it prohibited profanity, nudity, violence, sexual persuasions and rape.
- Filmmakers then had to shift to adapting a certain code language such as making queer characters perform certain expressions or adopt a certain body language.

TAMMA MOKSHA

Films have had little space for the queer community. The light, when it meets with the silver crystals of the reel, has often failed to manufacture a rainbow.

While the queer community is celebrating 53 years of Stonewall with pride on the streets, the studios in Hollywood continue to mask queerness in their frames. After the latest season of *Stranger Things*, the discussion surrounding "queer-baiting" has taken prominence online with the portrayal of Will Byers (essayed by Noah Schnapp). Queer-baiting is a marketing technique used by production houses in which creators hint at, but do not actually depict same-sex or other LGBTQIA+ communities. Subsequently, this discussion brought the topic of "queer-coding" in cinema under the spotlight, which is the subtextual queer portrayal of characters in media. This means that the characters' identities are not explicitly revealed.

These phenomena find their roots in the roaring 20s. The Jazz Age saw Hollywood rocked by multiple scandals, such as the murder of William Desmond Taylor and the alleged rape of Virginia Rappe by popular movie star Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle which earned them scorn from religious and political organisations. Subsequently, legislators in over 37 states introduced censorship laws. Frightened at the thought of having to comply with over a hundred inconsistent laws, the people of Hollywood chose to censor themselves.

The Hays Code

It was during this time that Hollywood adopted the Motion Picture Production Code, popularly known as the Hays Code, which was named after William H. Hays, who was the president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America (MPPDA). The Hays Code was a set of self-imposed guidelines by the industry in line with the social and cultural code of conservative America. The Code prohibited profanity, nudity, violence, sexual persuasions and rape. The rules governed the use of crime, costume, dance, religious and national sentiments, and morality. This resulted in films for the next three decades catering to the sensibilities of a white straight men.

Filmmakers who tried to circumvent and defy the code were soon pushed out of business. The creators then had to shift to adapting a certain code language such as making queer characters perform certain expressions or adopt a certain body language.

Stereotypes around characters' sexuality

John Huston's 1941 crime drama *The Maltese Falcon*, based on a book written by Dashiell Hammett, is a proponent of the film noir and is one of the earliest examples of films depicting homosexual characters post the Hays Code. The character of Joel Cairo in Hammett's novel is homosexual. However, to navigate the Hays Code, his character was downplayed and other characteristics were used to hint at his sexuality. In the film, Cairo's calling cards and handkerchiefs are scented with gardenias. Cairo is very particular about his clothes and gets easily upset when blood from a scratch ruins his shirt. Cairo has attributes of a "sissy", a stereotype that to this day is used by creators to hint at a male character's sexuality.

These characters are often men who are artistic, sensitive, and emotional with a penchant for dressing and make-up.

The sphere of influence spread all the way to India; Indian cinema to this day incorporates the stereotype of sissy diligently: dean Yogendra Vashisht in *Student of the Year*, Sameer Gazi in *Dishoom* and Puppy Bhai in *Golmaal 3* all tread in the footsteps of Cairo. No plot points involve them and their character arcs stayed unrefined.

While Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* (1960) is showered with praise for revolutionising the horror genre, its best-kept secret is the queer identity of Norman Bates. Anthony Perking, who was known to be gay but was not officially out, stated that he purposely played Norman Bates as gay or bisexual. While Hitchcock brings a queer character to life on-screen, we are served a stereotype that is dangerous to the community – that of a sadist.

The censors were said to be more lenient when homosexuality was represented as perverse, like in the case of *Psycho*. Queer characters only served as a cautionary tale or a comedic relief to the audience; they did not have plot points and character arcs dedicated to them.

Disney too played a part in queer-coding its villains from Scar in *Lion King* and Jafar in *Aladdin* to Captain Cook in *Peter Pan*.

The stereotype, dear to Indian production houses, saw Mogambo, one of the most infamous villains in Bollywood, also being queer coded. *Kya yeh Mogambo ko khush kar dega?* (Will this make Mogambo happy?)

The Hays Code was replaced by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) system rating a year prior to the Stonewall riots. However, the struggle for queer representation did not end here.

With rainbow capitalism plaguing the market, especially during the pride month, production houses have not started teasing queer audiences with the possibilities of characters being queer in their shows and using clever marketing techniques post-production.

Recently, the latest season of *Stranger Things* faced a backlash from the queer community for the show's portrayal of Will Byers. The possibility of Will being queer was hinted at since the first season, with Joyce Byers mentioning that homophobic slurs were being thrown at her son. While the hints about Will's sexuality have increased manifold, the show's refusal to address his sexuality has upset the queer community.

In interviews leading up to the release, the topic of Will's sexuality was brought up with the cast only for them to neither confirm nor deny Will's sexuality.

Queer representation at bay

The director of *The Beauty and the Beast* (2017) mentioned of an "exclusively gay moment" in the film, during the run-up to the premiere, only for the audience to realise that his statement was in reference to a very short sequence of LeFou (Josh Gad) dancing with another man, paired with euphemisms throughout the film about his feelings for Gaston (Luke Evans). Many TV shows such as *Supernatural* and *Sherlock Holmes* are also rife with queer baiting.

While a self-imposed code kept queer people out of cinema in the 20th century, a lack of respect for the community and queer characters, and a lackadaisical attitude towards inclusivity in writing rooms and production houses is keeping true representation at bay in the 21st century.

Queer stories are not a taboo anymore with shows and movies like *Moonlight* and *Schitt's Creek* demonstrating that cinema centred around queer characters can not only win hearts, but go on to create history by winning Academy Awards and Emmys.

It is time the studios made way for the pride parade.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"What is the difference between 'further' and 'farther', sir?"

"*Further* is used when you want to convey the sense of 'additional'.

I have no further news about him.

If I get further details, I will give you a ring.

I must stop here as I don't have anything further to say on the subject.

There is a further problem in this.

A college of further education.

There won't be any further taxation.

If you have any further questions, shoot.

As a verb it is used in the sense of 'advance', 'promote'.

He is doing this to further his interests.

One wonders whether the big powers are really interested in furthering the cause of peace.

'Farther' is used when you want to refer to distance. Thus, far and no farther. But nowadays, 'further' is also used in such contexts.

The house is *further* down the road.

The house is *farther* down the road.

Fowler says: "The fact is surely that hardly anyone uses the two words for different occasions; most people prefer one or the other for all purposes and the preference of the vast majority is for *further*. Perhaps the most that should be said is that *farther* is not common except where distance is in question, and that *further* has gained a virtual monopoly of the sense of moreover, both alone and in the compound *furthermore*."

Do you want me to say anything *further* about further?"

"No sir. It's clear. Which is correct sir, 'either of them are good' or 'either of them is good'?"

"It is 'either of them is good'. 'Either' is singular.

Either of you is welcome to take the book.

Either is capable of doing the job.

When you have 'either – or' the verb agrees with the nearest noun or pronoun.

Either he or she is likely to come.

Either he or his friends are likely to come.

Either my friends or I am likely to come.

Either she or he has done it.

Either Mary or her friends have done it.

Either her friends or Mary has done it.

'Either' is pronounced 'Eyether' in British English. In American English it is pronounced 'eether'. 'ee' is pronounced the same way as the 'ee' in 'feel', 'peel' and 'heel'."

"Who is an 'offish' person, sir?"

"An offish person is one who keeps aloof. He doesn't mix with others but keeps to himself, he keeps himself off from others. He is different from an uppish person who is assertive and gives himself airs. An uppish person is a conceited one. He thinks too much of himself."

"What is the meaning of the sentence 'He is a loose cannon', sir?"

"'A loose cannon' is 'someone or something that has become uncontrollable'.

He is a loose cannon in the party. No one can discipline him.

This expression is of very recent origin. You won't find it in any dictionary. It was used for the first time sometime in 1981. Well, let's call it a day. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Portugal celebrates its National Day on June 10. A quiz on the Iberian country and all things Portuguese.

1 June 10 was chosen as the National Day as it commemorates the death on 10 June 1580 of its most famous poet who wrote the national epic poem 'Os Lusíadas'. Name him.

2 The Portuguese rule in varied parts of India is said to have started in 1505, seven years after the arrival of a famous explorer, and continued till 1961. Name the explorer.

3 Founded in 1732, the Livraria Bertrand in Lisbon is the oldest operating establishment of its kind in the world. What does Livraria Bertrand deal in?

4 This marine hydrozoan which is a neuston, an organism that lives on the ocean surface, has a sting that is powerful enough to kill fish and has been occasionally fatal to humans. Name this animal with the scientific name 'Physalia physalis'.

5 Built on the bank of the Tagus, name the 16th century fortification, a UNESCO WHS, that is used as a metonym for the Portuguese capital.

6 What 'English' custom is Catherine of Braganza, who became Queen of England in 1662, said to have introduced to the British upper classes?

7 If it is Francophone for France and Sinophone for China, what is it for Portugal?

8 Portugal lays claim to the oldest unbroken international alliance, a treaty originally ratified in 1386, with which nation?

9 Before Cristiano Ronaldo, Portugal had a world-class footballer who led the country to third place in the 1966 FIFA World Cup and was the first winner of the European Golden Boot. Name this superstar nicknamed 'Black Panther'.

◄ Name this former PM of Portugal and what important global post does he currently hold. • AFP

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The NBA player who won seven championships with the Houston Rockets, Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs in the 1990s and 2000s. **Ans: Robert Horry**

2. Only two NBA players have won the Olympics Gold Medal, the Euroleague and the NBA championship. One of them was Bill Bradley. Name the other player. **Ans: Manu Ginobili**

3. Bill Russell, the Boston Celtics center, won 11 NBA championships. What was special about the 1968 and 1969 championship wins for him. **Ans: He was both the coach and a player in those teams**

4. John Salley held the record of having won NBA championships across three decades. Who is the only other person to match this record. **Ans: Tim Duncan**

5. Name the only player to have won the NBA finals MVP despite being on the losing team. **Ans: Jerry West**

Visual: This Golden State Warriors stalwart is the only active player for the team to have won the NBA finals MVP. **Ans: Andre Iguodala**

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Three years on, Cauvery Emporium's new building still not ready

Officials of KSHDCL say the construction work will be completed in the next six to eight months. •K. MURALI KUMAR

Relocation of Cauvery Emporium was announced in 2019 and was supposed to be completed in 8 months

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

When the relocation of M.G. Road's Cauvery Emporium, one of the city's landmark shopping centres for handicrafts, was announced in 2019, it was supposed to be completed within eight months. Three years on, the construction of the new four-storey building, also on M.G. Road, is still not complete.

According to officials of Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (KSHDCL), the construction work will be completed in the next six to eight months. While the work was first taken up by Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL), it has now been handed off to the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), after the former caused much delay.

According to Belur Raghavendra Shetty, chairperson of KSHDCL, the corporation has been paying an annual rent of ₹3.6 crore [₹30 lakh per month] for the last three years at the building where Cauvery Emporium is currently situated.

"KRIDL committed some violations due to which we had to let them go. After this, the matter was not brought before the board for a long time. It was only brought recently and I have given it my approval. There is a plan to include a penalty clause in the new contract to ensure that the work is completed within the scheduled time," he said.

"KRIDL did not give us any particular reason for why there was a delay in construction. Now with BMTC, we are hoping for the work to be finished within six months. The new building will come up just a few buildings after the current building and will have a big logo of Cauvery at the elevation according to the proposed plan," said D. Roopa, Managing Director, KSHDCL.

Ms. Roopa added that business has picked up at the emporium after the pandemic and every month, hundreds of new products are being launched. While the traditional Navalgund durries, which also have a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, are made with bright fabrics, a new pastel colour scheme has now been introduced for the same to attract younger generation customers.

After a downward trend in turnover for three years, KSHDCL has seen a 41.8% increase in its turnover in the recently concluded financial year (2021-22). While the turnover was ₹16.88 crore in 2020-21, it rose to ₹23.95 crore in 2021-22.

"Entry into Amazon, Flipkart, and other online sales portals, various within and out-of-State exhibitions, incentive schemes for salespersons, tie-ups with other government departments, and a social media presence are some of the reasons for the uptick in revenue," Ms. Roopa said.

'Ukraine war will lead to hunger situation in many countries'

Union Minister for External Affairs S. Jaishankar was speaking at an interaction on 'Eight years of National Security'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Union Minister for External Affairs S. Jaishankar on Thursday said that the implications of the situation in Ukraine will throw up a three 'F' (fuel, food and fertilisers) crisis leading to hunger situations and a cascading problem on the next harvest in many countries.

He was speaking on 'Eight years of National Security' – an interaction organised by the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) in collaboration with Internationals Studies Network Bangalore (ISNB) in Bengaluru on Thursday.

"The Ukraine conflict is controlling a large part of the world. The prices of fuel, food and fertilisers have shot up. They have a very significant inflationary impact. In the case of food, it will actually lead to hunger situations and in the case of fertilisers, it will create a cascading problem down the road. So the next harvest in many countries is going to be indented," the Minister said.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during an interaction at the National Institute of Advanced Studies in Bengaluru on Thursday. •SUDHAKARA JAIN

Pointing out that the Ukraine situation shows how something far away can actually have a direct implication on our well being, the Minister said, "This can actually impact our competitiveness. So, I want you to really imagine national security as something that is not just country borders but beyond the borders. It can come as a virus, it can come as costlier petrol, it can come as a shortage of food, it can be a problem with fertilisers, it can come as a radical idea in your neighbourhood or something which could come because in your country, the system was not geared to get the right responses when it was being taken from us."

The Minister said India has been facing four challenges in the last few years. "The challenge of COVID-19, the challenge of what is happening in India's northern borders, the challenge of what happened in Afghanistan, the outcome and its implications. And now the challenges of the Ukraine conflict and its global repercussions and how that is impacting our lives," he said.

"The decisions we make, the causes of action that we chose, the outcomes that resulted, how much different life would have been had we done some things. The point I wish to drive home is the external world impacts us every day in a more globalised world and we have to be very conscious of this," he asserted.

"The last eight years, India has faced a a behavioural challenge, which is Pakistan and its sponsorship of cross border terrorism. I think we have seen the degree of clarity that we will not be brought to the table by the pressure of cross-border terrorism," the Minister said. "Where China is concerned, we are again very clear that we will not allow the line of actual control to be changed unilaterally and in violation of understandings that we have," he said.

"One important achievement of these eight years was actually the land boundary agreement with Bangladesh. It has had an enormous impact on the India-Bangladesh relationship. It has really opened up huge possibilities for Bangladesh for all our north-eastern states. Similarly, where Myanmar is concerned, we have had a foreign policy that has engaged the regime and made it very difficult for Indian insurgent groups on a different track," he added.

Bescom warns consumers about online fraudsters

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Bescom has alerted its consumers not to entertain any messages regarding power supply being disconnected tonight at 9.30 p.m. or asking them to contact their electricity officer number and send a screenshot of their bill on WhatsApp.

Neither the Bescom subdivisional office nor Bescom bill collectors have insisted on payment of the bill via text messages. While generating the bill, consumers get 30 days for the payment, said officials.

If consumers get such kind of messages, they should immediately bring them to the notice of 1912 helpline or the nearest Bescom sub-division office. Consumers have been asked to pay the electricity bill through Bescom bill counters, Bengaluru One, Google, or PhonePe. They can even pay through the Bescom Mitra app or Bescom online portal.

"Repeated requests have been made to consumers on Bescom's social media platforms and in Consumer Interactions Meetings not to respond such messages," said S.R. Nagaraj, General Manager (Consumer Relations) of Bescom.

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Date: 10.06.2022 **Sd/-, REGISTRAR**

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Short-Term Tender Notification No.:06/22-23 Date: 07.06.2022

In the Tender Notice seen above, Tender is invited through Manual and e-proc from eligible contractors for works detailed below coming under Chikkamagaluru Public Works Department Division of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertake or having implemented the works should be attached (As per Standard Tender Document KW 1, 2, 3 & 4). The contractors can take up the contract only if they have the minimum eligibility as per section 3. Minimum approx. amount is Rs. 1.00 lakh and Maximum approx. amount is Rs. 450.00lakhs.

1) Works of Sl. No. 1 to 6 are Manual and eligible contractors should apply requesting blank tender forms after paying the prescribed fees on 16.06.2022 and 17.06.2022. Blank tender forms can be obtained on 20.06.2022 and filled tender forms should be submitted up to 4.00 PM on 21.06.2022. The said Tenders will be opened, if possible, on 22.06.2022 after 4.15PM.

2) Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 7 to 26 within 4.00 PM on 19.07.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 20.07.2022 after 4.15 PM.

If these dates are declared as holidays, the next day will be considered. Further details can be obtained by contacting the case worker during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.52/mca/22-23/084

Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department
Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.
Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2022-23/1356 Dated:04.06.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW-3 on E-procurement portal for 01 no of tender works pertaining to Koppal district. The amount put to tender for the mentioned work varies from Rs.88.75 Lakhs. The tenderers may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. **Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or **after 13-06-2022. Last date & time for receipt of tender is 22-06-2022 time 17.30 hours, Date & time for opening of technical bid 24-06-2022 time 11.00 hours, date and time for opening of financial bid 27-06-2022 time 11.00 hours** (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Minor Irrigation and
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No: CWWB/E-Action/FD-04/2022-23 Dated: 09.06.2022

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION

Sub: Inviting E-Auction for interest rate bids on Investment of Surplus Funds in Fixed Deposit/ Non-callable for one year through E-Portal, Government of Karnataka.

Board is inviting competitive rate of interest through e-bidding on the e-procurement portal of Govt. of Karnataka from the Regional / Zonal / Head Offices of the Nationalized banks for Non-callable Fixed / Term Deposits of 'Surplus funds' of approx. Rs. 500.00 crore (Rupees Five hundred crore only) for one year.

E-Auction documents should be submitted electronically through e-Procurement portal **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** and last date for applying is on **17.06.2022** before **16:00 Hrs**.

For further information please contact Deputy Secretary (Admin) of the Board Phone: 080-29753350 / 54 / 56, Mob: 9448533794 during office hours.

Sd/-
Joint Secretary, KB&OCWWB

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Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Kolar

No:02/2022-23 **Dated: 02-06-2022**

E-procurement Short Term Tender Notification

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission(Functional household tap connection) 2021-22 of Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District. Item rate tenders by two cover system through e-procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/CPWD(Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for online submission of Bid is **16.06.2022 upto 17.30 hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division, Kolar

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, (Metro Rail Project),No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No. : KIADB/LAQ/METRO/R6/2022-23/84 Date: 23.05.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSRTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI **146** SPQ (E) **2022** Bangalore dated 21-05-2022 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated **21-05-2022**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned, Notice u/s 28(2) of KIADB Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the News papers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of KIADB Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 24-06-2022 at 11.00 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

Enquiry Date: 24.06.2022 **Time: 11.00.a.m.**

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Sl. No.	Property Owner	I.D. No.	L.A/CTS Sy.No.	B.B.M.P Property No	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
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Sd/- DDPI & Ex-Officio, District Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Shiksha Karnataka, Bidar.

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(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURAGI-585105
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No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/479 Dated : 8-6-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurement system only 1) Name of work: **Aland-01 (Indent No 27849 call-2),** 2) Head of A/C: JJM 2020-21, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-III & above, 4) Tender Amount: **Min 56,48,857/-, Max 56,48,857/-**, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : 10-06-2022 11:00am, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **22-06-2022 4.00pm,** 8) Opening of Techincal Bid: **23-06-2022 4.01pm** 9) Opening of Financial Bid: **27-06-2022 11:00am,** 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation, Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/246/MC&A/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ
ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ

ನಂ:ಗ್ರಾಕುನೀಮಪ್ರನೈವಿ/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ/ಟಿಡಿ-2,ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022-23/389 ದಿನಾಂಕ 09-06-2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್-ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ರವರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

1) ಹುನಗುಂದ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ
1) Hulaginal Indent No- 40424 APT- 71.06 lakhs call-2
2) ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ
1) Yankanchi RC Indent No- 41384 APT- 37.88 lakhs
2) Mastihal Indent No- 41385APT- 36.96 lakhs
3) Renovation of division Micro-Biology testing Laboratory at bagalkot dist (additional estimate) Indent No-41162 APT- 4.70 lakhs
3) RDW&S Sub divisions private vehical for government purpose use and rent for 1 year 2022-23 Indent No-41384 APT- 19.20 lakh (CAll-2)
4) ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ: **JJM-2215**
5) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಾರ
6) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **16-06-2022** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **5.30** ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ
7) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **18-06-2022** ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ **11.00** ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ (**Two Cover**)
8) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **18-06-2022 11.00** ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ (**Single Cover**)
9) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **20-06-2022 11.00** ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ (**Two Cover**)
10) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಳಾಸ **ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ** ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ

ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ:- 1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಮೊತ್ತಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ದರವನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸ ಮೊತ್ತದ DD/FDRನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ಇವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದು ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಟೆಂಡರ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗಿಂತ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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RISE	15:38 SET 02:49
SUNDAY, JUN. 12	
RISE	05:53 SET 18:46
RISE	16:37 SET 03:35

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Tumakuru	32	24
Mysuru	32	21
Bengaluru	31	21

Bengaluru Today
31°C A dry weather to prevail. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
32°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be little warm but humid. Night will be pleasant. Thunderstrom may occur.

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More stations to come up under EV Charging Centre campaign

There are over 1,000 EV charging stations in the State, 136 under Bescom

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

To encourage citizens to adopt more Electric Vehicles (EV), the Energy Department will conduct an EV Charging Centre campaign in the State between June 23 and 30. While there are over 1,000 EV charging stations in the State, the department aims at installing 3,000 stations. The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (Bescom), which currently has 136 charging stations across its jurisdiction, also plans to increase the number to 200 charging stations in a month.

This campaign was announced by Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar during the launch of 'EV Jagruthi' (Electric Vehicle Awareness), a web portal as a one-stop space to provide all the information related to EV adoption in the State. The portal has been developed by the government in a joint initiative with NITI Aayog and the UK government. The 'Roadmap for transformation of Bengaluru to a Global EV Lighthouse City' was also released during the event.

The web portal will provide users with insight about State's target, incentives and other EV-related initiatives, the EV industry and market of the State and will also help them to assess the benefits of EVs and the savings they can incur when compared to petrol or diesel vehicles. "The EV Jagruthi web portal caters to the needs and priorities of a diverse set of stakeholders, including but not limited to future electric vehicle users, early electric vehicle adopters, government, academia, the research community, industry, business houses and consultants," Bescom officials said.

The report launched mainly looks at attracting investments worth ₹31,000 crore, creating job opportunities for 55,000 people and reducing 85.58 tonnes of net carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 in the State.

An EV charging station at the BESCOM office in Bengaluru. •FILE PHOTO

Explaining why Bengaluru has the potential to become a Lighthouse City, Alex Ellis, British High Commissioner to India, said, "What India does over the next generation determines what happens in the world in terms of sustainability. Karnataka is going to become wealthier over the years with its growing GDP. In India, especially in Karnataka, Britain is excited to participate in EV adoption."

All offices

Speaking at the sidelines of the event, Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar said that a proposal has been given to the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DAPR) to provide electric vehicles to all the offices under the Energy Department. He added that the same matter has also been brought to the Chief Minister's attention.

"As the cost of EVs are more than petrol/diesel vehicles, we have still not gotten approval from DAPR. It is our priority to use EVs and after the approval. EVs will be used in all our offices," he said.

Seven govt. engineering colleges to become KITs, says Bommai

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Seven Government Engineering Colleges will be upgraded as Karnataka Institutes of Technology (KIT) to provide quality and 'Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)' model of technical education, announced Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Inaugurating various development works of Bangalore University, including the renovated heritage buildings of the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), a 150 feet high 'flag pole' and participating in the 'bhoomi pooja' for the new mechanical block at the Jnanabharathi campus here on Thursday, the CM said, "In the budget of 2020-23, I had already announced that our government will upgrade seven government engineering colleges as KIT within five years. After this, Karnataka will remain not only a progressive State, but also one which can produce highest skill and human resource to the nation."

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurating new and renovated buildings at Bangalore University and UVCE in Bengaluru on Thursday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

UVCE was the first engineering college in Karnataka and fifth in the nation, and a long pending demand by the alumni was of giving autonomous status to the college, he said. "This college's rich heritage and history played an important role in the development of the State. Our government is planning to create a Research and Development (R&D) Policy in the State. UVCE should also effectively participate in the process of creating the engineering R&D policy," added Mr. Bommai.

Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan said that Karnataka is at the forefront State in higher education. "We are also planning to set up a taskforce, which will be headed by IIT scholars across the nation, for upgrading the seven government engineering colleges as KIT," he said.

BEL Mini Smart Colony inaugurated

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

BEL's Mini Smart Colony at BEL's Bangalore Complex, Jalahalli, was inaugurated virtually on Thursday by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. According to a release from BEL, solar power, waste recycling, rainwater harvesting, pedestrian-friendly pathways, energy efficient street-lighting and abundant greenery (including a herbal garden) are part of the smart colony. An app, BEST NISA (Bharat Electronics Smart Township - Nivasi Seva App), has been designed specially to cater to the needs of the colony residents.

BEL's Homeland Security and Smart Cities SBU along with the Software SBU, Engineering Services and Human Resources teams worked jointly to make this a reality, the release stated.

The project was completed under the guidance of Anandi Ramalingam, Chairman and Managing Director, and Vinay Kumar Katyal, Director (Bangalore Complex). This is part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav' celebrations being coordinated by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) in association with the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) as part of the overall campaign of the Ministry of Finance, the release added.

BEL is executing 17 Smart Cities across India as part of the Smart City Mission of the Government of India.

Cycle lane bollards disappear on ORR

Some contend that the 'private vehicles lobby' might be behind the removal

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As the IT crowd makes a comeback to offices after two years, resulting in an increase in traffic, residents in areas around Outer Ring Road (ORR) are facing a number of problems, including traffic jams and driving on footpaths. However, in the last couple of weeks, hundreds of bollards placed to demarcate the cycling lane are being removed.

While due to ongoing work, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) workers have removed bollards on a particular stretch, the reasons for the disappearance of other bollards remain unknown.

Cyclists and some residents say that the 'private vehicles lobby' might be the reason why bollards are being removed. "There is a perception that road infrastructure is only for private vehicles. A few weeks ago, there was an unfortunate two-wheeler accident on the ORR and without any evidence, the lobbyists started blaming the cycle lane bollards. In the last few days, we have noticed that there has been too much traffic on the road and just like that, one fine day, bollards were removed altogether," said Mukund, a local resident.

On a particular 500m-stretch near Haralur Junction, all the bollards which were used to separate the cycling lane, had disappeared overnight, says Shilpi Sahu, a cyclist. "With traffic increasing, private vehicle owners have lost patience and now see cycle lanes as a nuisance. They think that taking over this one meter of space will help them reach places faster, but it has only had a counter effect. While sometimes bollards would be on and off on some stretches, this time it is a whitewash."

The residents say that frequent complaints to many civic departments have not yielded any results. "After spending lakhs on these bollards, they are all now just gone. We are not sure if any department is looking into it," Ms. Sahu said.

Bollards used to demarcate cycle lanes have been removed by BMRCL officials and gas pipeline company on the Ring Road near Marathahalli in Bengaluru. •SUDHAKARA JAIN

Metro work

When contacted, B.S. Prahalad, Chief Engineer (Road and Infrastructure), said, "We have handed over that stretch (where all the bollards are gone) to BMRCL for their work. When they lay down their barricades, a three-lane road becomes a two-lane road and that is why they might have removed the bollards."

BMRCL spokesperson Yashwant Chavan also said that if any bollards have been removed for metro work, they will be put back in place as soon as the work is over. The residents, however, say that bollards have also been removed in places where metro work is not going on. They suggest that the Directorate of Urban and Land Transport (DULT) should look into installing sturdier, permanent structures for demarcation to avoid such incidents. The commissioner of DULT was not available for comment.

KDA objects to Karnataka Education Institutions Rules, 2022

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The Kannada Development Authority (KDA) has submitted objections against the draft notification released by the Department of Primary and Secondary Education on Karnataka Education Institutions (Issue of No Objection Certificate and Control) Rules, 2022.

T.S. Nagabharana, KDA chairman, has submitted the objections to the Principal Secretary of the Primary and Secondary Education Department and warned of an agitation if the objections are ignored.

In his letter to the department, Mr. Naghabharana has said, "Allowing central board schools like CBSE, ICSE, IB and other board schools in the State to teach Kannada as a second or third language instead of first or second language, which was in place as per the Compulsory Kannada Learning act 2015, is an anti-Kannada move by the department. If the department fails to consider our objections, we will be forced to stage a protest."

He added, "This measure by the department will be a setback for Kannada. The government must consider our objection and make Kannada as a compulsory first or second language in all Central Board schools."

IN BRIEF

New launch

BENGALURU
The Organisation for Food Safety Solutions and Awareness (OFSSA) at its first national meeting and launching function held in Bengaluru recently, announced the setting up of food safety clubs and food volunteers on World Food Safety Day to curb food corruption. Founder and national chairman of OFSSA Vivek K. Vijayan, Advocate (Kerala), said that food safety clubs will be formed shortly in each and every educational institution with experts in concerned fields, and food volunteers will be selected under the guidance of Government Food Safety Department officials.

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Three-day Hi Life exhibition from today

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BENGALURU

Hi Life exhibition featuring bridal gold, footwear, furnishing, bags and other items of clothing will be organised from June 10 to 12 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. at The Hotel Ashok on Kumarakrupa Road.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE FOR MISCELLANEOUS WORK
Tender No.- SECR HQENGG TM 222301, Date: 01.06.2022
Work: Supply and fitting of various types of Electrical & Pneumatic works during POH/IOH of track Machine at Zonal Base Depot/ Nagpur, Satellite Depot/ Bilaspur & Satellite Depot/ Raipur. **Tender Value : ₹ 1,24,19,892.40/-, Bid Security : ₹ 2,12,100/-, Tender closing date & time: 11:00** Hours of **23.06.2022.**
For full details of tender notice and tender documents, tenderer may logon to the website e **www.ireps.gov.in.** No manual tenders will be entertained against E-Tender.
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E-Open Tender Notice No:S/RWP/E/03/2022-23 dated: 08.06.2022 Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India** invites **online "e-Open Tender"**, through Indian Railways E-Procurement **Website** www.ireps.gov.in for supply of following Stores Item at RWP/Bela. The closing time of all tenders is 14:00 hrs. **Sl.No.** 1. **Tender No.** 02225006 **Short Description of Item:** Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning **Quantity:** 25 set **Date of Tender: Closing/Opening:** 08.07.2022 at 14:00 Hrs. 1. Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is www.ireps.gov.in, 2. The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including **Addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation** with respect to the above tender. However, this information will also be invariably published in the all concerned newspapers.
PCM/RWP/Bela
RWP/CPRO/ADVT./2022-23/24

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. MYS/COMML/ LVPH/12578/77 Dated: 06.06.2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:
Name of the Work :Tender for leasing of Parcel Van (LVPH) by Train No. 12578/ 12577 on round trip basis for a period of 5 years.
Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 16:00 hrs. of 06.07.2022**
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Website: www.gowribidanurtown.gov.in,
Phone No.: 08155-286427
e-Mail: itstaff_ulb_gowribidanur@yahoo.co.in
No.: CMC/TS/CR/13/2022-23 Date: 04.06.2022
Tender Notification
(1) Commissioner CMC, Gowribidanur invites tenders from the eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the table below two tender document procedure as per KTPP rules 2000 shall be followed. (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from government of Karnataka e-procurement Website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** (3) Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. (4) Further information, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, CMC, Gouribidanur of working hours. (5) Head of account: SFC Special Grant.
(1) Date from which tender document can be downloaded: **07.06.2022.** (2) Pre-bid meeting (venue-CMC office): **21.06.2022, 11.00 AM.** (3) Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **06.07.2022, 5.30 PM.** (4) Date & time for opening of technical bid: **08.07.2022, 11.00 AM.** (5) Date & time for opening of financial bid: **15.07.2022, 11.00 AM or later.**
(1) Name of work: Improvement and development of roads and drains along with pipe line fixing of grill to median marking and developing of layout sites fixing of welcome boards and street name boards in Gouribidanur town under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality)-4(DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT132387). Amount put to tender: **Rs. 438.91 lakhs.** E.M.D.: **Rs. 6.58 Lakhs.** Period of Completion: **09 Months.**
Change in calendar of events (if any) will be published in e-procurement portal only. Paper notification will not be given.
Sd/- President, CMC, Gowribidanuru
Sd/- Vice President, CMC, Gowribidanuru
Sd/- Municipal Commissioner, CMC, Gowribidanuru
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Public are hereby informed that my client **Mr.S.Y. Ramesh** S/o Yallappa, residing at Flat No.406, B Block, Architho Althal Aaroli Apartment, 80 Feet Road, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Opp: Jnanakshi School, Bangalore-560 098 is intend to Purchase the schedule property from its owner **Mr.Syed Shakeel Ur Rahman** S/o Mr. Syed Abdul Rahmon and **Mrs.Sabiha Sultana** W/o Syed Shakeel Ur Rahman, both are residing at No,130/30, 32nd F Cross, 4th T Block, Jayangar, Bangalore-560 029 .
The general public are hereby notified that in case if any person/s asserting any legitimate right, objection/s or claim over the schedule property or any part thereof, they may forward such right/s or objection/s or claim/s along with the relevant documentary proof, to the undersigned with **7 days** from hereof. All such claims/objections received after **7 days** from the date of notification shall not be considered.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Item No.1 :
All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing **Sy No.117/1,** measuring to an extent of 17 Guntas out of 30 Guntas, situated at **Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District** and bounded as follows: **East by : Sy No.123/1, West by : Government Road North by : Border of Singena Agrahara and sy No.57, South by : remaining portion of Sy No.117/1 belongs to Muniyappa.**
Item No.2 :
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12	Name & Address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.				
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Rajya Sabha elections today all set for a nail-biting finish

Fourth seat from State is being hotly contested; threat of cross-voting looms large

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A day before the Rajya Sabha elections, the fight for the fourth seat from the State reached a climax and the threat of cross-voting loomed large. As parties played their cards close to their chest, the number game will be finally played out on Friday.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai having a word with his predecessor B.S. Yediyurappa before the BJP Legislature Party meeting in Bengaluru Thursday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Backroom channels

On Thursday, the Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) continued their tirade against each other while also seeking support for their respective candidates from each other on the secular plank. This comes amid backroom communication channels between the top party leaders still remaining open. It is learnt that parties friendly with both the Congress and the JD(S) are still trying to find a way to collaborate.

Of the four seats, BJP's candidates Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Kannada actor Jaggesh, and Congress candidate Jairam Ramesh are expected to sail through easily as both the parties have adequate numbers to get them elected. The fourth seat is being hotly contested, with Lahar Singh Siroya (BJP), Mansoor Ali Khan (Congress) and D. Kupendra Reddy (JD-S) in the fray, and the candidate getting the highest number of the remaining votes will win. For the record, the BJP has 122 votes, and the Congress and the JD(S) have 70 votes and 32 votes, respectively.

The BJP is strategising to enable its third candidate, Mr. Siroya, get additional votes to have an upper hand against his nearest rival and JD(S) candidate, Mr. Reddy. If the sparring Opposition unite, chances of the BJP's third candidate winning remains slim.

The Congress appeared to be fishing in the troubled waters of the JD(S) that is facing dissent from some of its legislators. Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah wrote an open letter to JD(S) legislators appealing them to cast their 'conscience vote', triggering an angry reaction from JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Disgruntled legislators

On the other, the jittery regional outfit has moved its legislators to a hotel at Whitefield here to prevent poaching. Though JD(S) leaders seemed confident of holding the flock together, doubts persisted after its legislator from Gubbi S.R. Srinivas, who did not join other legislators in the hotel, met Mr. Siddaramaiah here on Thursday.

Some of the disgruntled JD(S) legislators such as G.T. Deve Gowda, K.M. Shivalinge Gowda, and Srinivas Gowda remained away while another legislator A.T. Ramaswamy also did not attend the JD(S) Legislature Party meeting. Sources said, "Barring Mr. Srinivas Gowda, all the other four have pledged loyalty to the party and have assured to come directly to the Vidhana Soudha to cast their vote." In Mysuru, Mr. G.T. Deve Gowda announced that he would vote in favour of the JD(S) candidate.

D.C. Gowrishankar, JD(S) MLA for Tumakuru Rural, is learnt to have returned from foreign tour just in time to vote in the election.

The Congress Legislature Party that met on Thursday night appointed 10 legislators, including KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, as poll agents. The meeting also finalised allocation of votes to its candidates.

Ahead of the crucial day, the ruling BJP also met again to fine tune its strategies – now dependent on the numbers, and it also allocated votes to its three candidates. "All the legislators have been asked to assemble at 8.30 a.m. Just before the polling commences."

Siddaramaiah's appeal to JD(S) members triggers angry reaction

In a letter, he asks them to cast 'conscience vote' in favour of Cong. candidate

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

While the Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) are involved in a bitter duel over fielding their candidate for election to the fourth Rajya Sabha seat from the State, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Thursday wrote an open letter to JD(S) members, requesting them to cast "conscience vote" in favour of the Congress candidate, triggering an angry reaction from JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Siddaramaiah

"The victory of our second candidate, Mansoor Ali Khan, will be the victory of the secular ideology that the Congress and the JD(S) believe in. It is our responsibility to lend our voice to the conscience of the people. The victory of Mr. Khan will be the victory of the secular ideology and not that of any one party," he said in the letter released to the media on the eve of the election. He said the outcome of the election is being keenly watched by everyone who believes in secular ideology.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "The question of the life and death of secularism is now in the Rajya Sabha polls. Ideologically, the Congress and the JD(S) are on one side and the BJP which breathes communalism is on the other. We fielded the second candidate hoping that the JD(S) will help him win. However, we were shocked that a day after the nomination of Mr. Khan, the JD(S) fielded its candidate despite not having the numbers." Recalling previous instances, he said, "The Congress supported H.D. Deve Gowda to become the Prime Minister. The party also supported the unanimous election of Mr. Gowda to the Rajya Sabha and despite winning more seats, the Congress supported the JD (S) to form the government in the State."

Angry retort

Responding to the letter, Mr. Kumaraswamy said the letter seeking JD(S) legislators' support was "shameless", and accused Mr. Siddaramaiah of helping the BJP win the third seat also. "How can he write a letter to our legislators after calling us the B team of the BJP? Did the JD (S) suddenly become secular to him now? The Rajya Sabha results will show who is the B team of the BJP. All our legislators are together." He also said that it was "friendly" parties that made Mr. Gowda the Prime Minister and not the Congress, and it was the JD(S) that had given support to the Congress when late N. Dharam Singh was the Chief Minister.

RGUHS told to conduct fresh practical exams for 41 students

The final year MBBS students had approached High Court

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) to conduct fresh practical examinations in different subjects for 41 students of the final year MBBS course who have knocked on the doors of the court complaining about correctness of the marks awarded to them in practical exams in certain subjects.

Justice M.I. Arun passed the order while disposing of the petitions filed by Basavaraj Itagi and others complaining that non-conduct of exam without following the prescribed procedure had impacted the marks awarded to them.

It was contended on behalf of the petitioners that they had passed all the theory exams and they were awarded less than the minimum marks required in the practical exams due to "personal bias" towards them by some faculty members and due to failure of external evaluators evaluating the papers in the prescribed manner.

During the hearing, the counsel for the university gave an undertaking to the court that taking into consideration the interest of the students and without going into the fact whether the practical examinations were conducted in accordance with law or not, fresh practical examinations would be conducted for the petitioner-students in the respective subjects in which they have grievances.

While disposing of the petitions, the court directed the university to conduct fresh practical exams within three weeks.

Now, sahitya parishat raises objections to revised textbooks

Congress leaders and supporters staging a protest against the revision of textbooks, in Bengaluru on Thursday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Hopping on the bandwagon of those protesting against the revision of school textbooks by the Rohith Chakrathirtha-led committee, the Bengaluru unit of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat has raised objections to the neglect of icons from Karnataka in the revision process.

In a release, unit president N. Prakash Murthy said that lessons on State icons of the Bhakti and Sufi movements, such as Akka Mahadevi, Purandaradasa, Kanakadasa, and Santa Shishunala Sharif had been removed, while national icons had been given prominence.

Mr. Murthy further said that it was sad that a person who had "insulted" the naada geethe (State anthem) had headed the committee that revised textbooks. He demanded that the revisions be dropped and the old textbooks retained.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka unit of the Congress staged a protest in front of the Mahatma Gandhi's statue at the Secretariat in Bengaluru on Thursday, urging the State government to withdraw the revised textbooks. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council B.K. Hariprasad, and party legislators and supporters participated in the protest.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that the revised textbooks had hurt the sentiments of some communities. He accused the revision committee, headed by Mr. Chakrathirtha, of "insulting" several Kannada poets by wrongly interpreting facts. Protests were held by other district units of the party as well.

'₹381 cr. pending bills of cane growers will be cleared soon'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Private sugar factories released ₹19,364 crore to sugarcane growers in the 2021-22 crushing season and efforts will be made to get the pending ₹381.72 crore released, Sugar Minister Shankar Patil Munenakoppa said on Thursday.

A total of 24 sugar factories had not paid ₹381.72 crore as on May 31, 2022, and legal action would be taken against the management of the factories if they failed to release it in the next few days, he warned.

"Factories have paid 99% of the amount to farmers for purchase of sugarcane," he said.

About 6.22 lakh crore tonnes of sugarcane had been crushed and 59 lakh tonnes of sugar was produced by factories during 2021-22, he said. While some factories paid ₹3,500 for a tonne of sugarcane, others paid more than ₹3,100 a tonne, depending on the sugar yield, he said.

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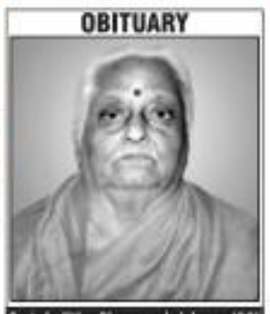

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CHANGE OF NAME

I **HEMA.S** R/at 25th Ward, Jalamegala Road, Manjunatha Nagar, Ramanagaram, Ramanagar, Kamataka-562159 have changed my name to Dimple John vide Affidavit dated 08.06.2022 sworn before Notary C.Sharada, Bengaluru.

I, **Victor** Saloman E. S/o. Elangovan, #53, Elangovan Illam, 5th Cis, Bhuvaneswari Lio., Nagenathapura, Blr- 100, have changed my name to Victor Salomon for all purposes.

I, **NAZEEN** Khan S/o Shaik Mohammed, R/at No.4, 4th Main, Near Mina Masjid, Mattadahalli, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name to Yasin Khan vide affidavit dated 07-06-2022 before Notary B.R.Shashikala, Bangalore.

I, **SUSHILA** Ramesh Kumar Gulecha W/o Ramesh Kumar Gulecha R/o No. 51, Flat No 108 , First Floor, Ambience Platinum,K.R. Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore -560004 have changed my name to Sushila Devi Gulechs for all purposes , vide affidavit dated 09-06-2022,sworn before Advocate and Notary K.S Chandrashekar Reg. No. 8750 at Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE CITY CIVIL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH-53)
O.S. No.1140/2022

BETWEEN: MOHAMMED KHIZAR, S/o Mohammed Samiullah, aged about 69 years, R/at No. 20, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Someshwaranagar, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011. ...PLAINTIFF

AND: N PRATHAP KUMAR & ANR ...DEFENDANTS

Notice to Defendant No. 1: Sri. N Prathap Kumar, S/o Late D Narjappa, aged Major, R/at 32, 4. Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034.

NOTICE

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has filed a suit before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-53) Under Order VII Rule 1 R/W Section 26 of Code of Civil procedure-1908, praying for relief of Permanent Injunction in respect of the Schedule Property.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person or through a Pleader on 16-07-2022 at 11.00 AM to answer and defend the above suit, failing whereon, the matter will be heard determined exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 11/3, M.K. Rangnawamy Layout, Lakkasandra Extension, Division No. 55, Bangalore and measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 ft and bounded on the East by: Site No.6, West by: 25ft Road, North by: L.C. Shankarappa property (Narayana Reddy property), South by: Private Property.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 07-06-2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

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...Petitioners

AND
The Authorised signatory /Manager, Housing Dev. Finance Corporation Ltd., HDFC holding Office at Ramee House, H.T. Parikh Mart, 169, Backbay, Reclamation, Church Gate, Mumbai and others
...Respondents

Notice to the Respondent No.6

The Manager, Canarabank, H.O., Chand Road, Bangalore.

Sir,

Please take a notice that the petitioners filed above succession O.P. against you and others and the case is posted to 18-06-2022 for your appearance. You may appear either in person or by advocate on 18-06-2022 at 10.30 a.m. before the above said court, if you fail to appear the case will be decided as ex-parte.

K.SUBRAMANYAM RAJU,
Advocate for Petitioners, Tirupati.

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IN BRIEF

Post-retirement, CJI to write autobiography

TIRUPATI

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana has hinted at plans to write his autobiography post-retirement, with a sizeable portion of it allocated to his admiration for and association with the former Chief Minister of the combined Telugu States, the late N.T. Rama Rao. He inaugurated the year-long birth centenary celebrations of NTR at a function here.

Siddaramaiah to get 'Ambedkar Sudar' award

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Former Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah will receive the 'Ambedkar Sudar' award instituted by the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi, party founder Thol. Thirumavalavan said on Thursday. Human rights activist and writer S.V. Rajadurai would receive the 'Periyar Oli' award and industrialist V.G. Santhosam would receive the 'Kamarasar Kathir' award. Former IAS officer Chellappan would be conferred the 'Iyothee Thass Aadhavan' award.

Social Democratic Party of India leader Tehlan Baqavi would receive the 'Quaid-e-Millat Pirai' award and archaeologist Professor K. Rajan would receive the 'Semmozhi Gnayiru' award. The 'Marx Mamani' award would be posthumously conferred on writer Jawahar. The date for the awards' ceremony would be announced later, Mr. Thirumavalavan said.

Swapna threatens to release voice clip

'It is proof of discussion with Shaj Kiran'

ABDUL LATHEEF NAHA
PALAKKAD

Swapna Suresh, one of the key accused in the sensational diplomatic channel gold smuggling case, said here on Thursday that she would release a voice clip of a discussion she had with Shaj Kiran, who she claimed was Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's interlocutor.

"My lawyer and a few others have got the voice clip. They will release it tomorrow [Friday]. I don't know how and where it is going to explode," she told the media on Thursday.

Undue pressure

Swapna had said Shaj Kiran had pressured her to withdraw her damning statements before a magistrate court against the Chief Minister. She said here on Thursday that she would reveal further details after the voice clip is released.

Swapna said she moved the High Court for anticipatory bail because she feared persecution from the police. "I feared that the truth will not come out if I am arrested. I also feared police torture. That's why I moved the court for anticipatory bail," she said.

Earlier, Swapna had alleged threat to her life in the wake of the revelations she made against Mr. Vijayan, his wife, Kamala, his daughter, Veena, former Minister and MLA K.T. Jaleel, former Speaker P. Sreeramakrishnan, bureaucrats Nalini Netto and M. Sivasankar before the Ernakulam Magistrate Court under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. However, she said she never intended to scuttle the investigation in the gold smuggling case.

Swapna said Mr. Kiran had warned her that Sarith would be arrested and it was he who told her that a Vigilance team had taken Sarith into custody on Wednesday. Describing Mr. Kiran as a good, trustworthy friend, Swapna said she had sought his help but he allegedly came as an interlocutor for Mr. Vijayan.

Swapna Suresh

She said Mr. Kiran had mentally tortured her on Wednesday demanding that she withdraw her CrPC 164 statement before the magistrate court.

Mr. Shaj Kiran reportedly told her that a man named Nikesh Kumar would come and meet her and that she should hand over her phone to him.

"Nikesh is the voice of the Chief Minister. Shaji [Kiran] told me that if I am ready for a compromise, they would withdraw the case and lift the travel ban against me," she said.

Swapna said many things, including money, were promised to her.

"But I did not yield to that pressure tactic," she said, adding that she would reveal further details on Friday.

HC dismisses anticipatory bail pleas of Swapna, Sarith

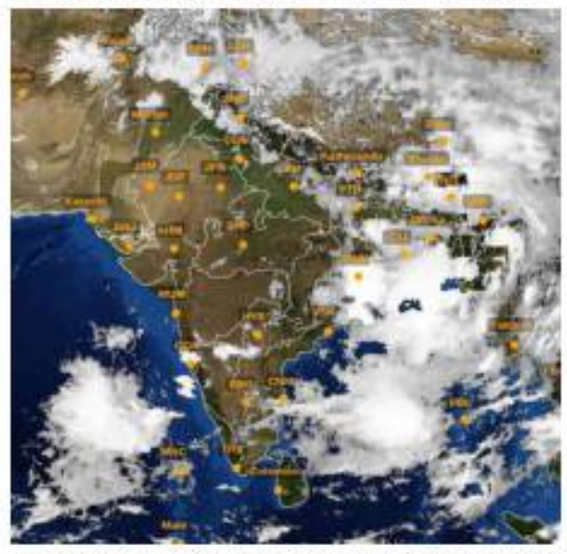
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Thursday dismissed the anticipatory bail petitions filed by Swapna Suresh and P.S. Sarith in the case registered by the Cantonment police based on a complaint by K.T. Jaleel, former Minister and MLA.

Dismissing the pleas, Justice Viju Abraham recorded the submissions of the prosecutor that the offences under Sections 153 (provocation with intent to cause riot) and 120B (conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code were both bailable offences and that there could not have been any apprehension of arrest.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Sikkim, Konkan & Goa and coastal Karnataka. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	32.8	27.1	Kozhikode	–	35.4	25.6
Ahmedabad	–	41.0	28.4	Kurnool	–	38.0	25.7
Aizawl	–	28.4	22.2	Lucknow	–	44.0	28.1
Allahabad	–	45.7	29.0	Madurai	–	39.2	25.7
Bengaluru	–	30.6	21.5	Mangaluru	1.8	31.6	24.0
Bhopal	–	43.0	30.5	Mumbai	–	35.2	29.5
Bhubaneswar	–	33.2	28.9	Mysuru	4	31.0	21.2
Chandigarh	–	45.3	29.1	New Delhi	–	43.8	28.1
Chennai	–	39.8	30.0	Patna	–	38.2	28.0
Coimbatore	–	35.1	23.5	Port Blair	14	30.0	24.1
Dehradun	–	40.2	24.7	Puducherry	–	36.7	26.2
Gangtok	3	20.5	17.1	Pune	0.2	36.1	22.2
Goa	3	32.4	24.7	Raipur	–	44.4	31.6
Guwahati	1	29.8	26.1	Ranchi	–	40.6	27.6
Hubballi	–	31.0	22.0	Shillong	18	21.5	17.7
Hyderabad	–	38.8	25.0	Shimla	–	33.7	23.5
Imphal	–	32.0	23.0	Srinagar	–	30.5	15.4
Jaipur	–	42.0	32.8	Thiruvananthapuram	–	32.9	25.2
Kochi	4	31.0	24.4	Tiruchi	–	38.1	27.0
Kohima	8	25.6	16.4	Vijayawada	–	42.8	32.6
Kolkata	–	35.9	29.4	Visakhapatnam	–	33.5	29.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO2	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	6	13	16	181	124	
Bengaluru	35	–	13	102	105	
Chennai	14	17	39	58	68	
Delhi	14	121	47	85	321	
Hyderabad	27	26	101	63	106	
Kolkata	12	13	19	66	107	
Lucknow	5	46	64	353	410	
Mumbai	4	–	92	31	147	
Pune	85	152	113	85	66	
Visakhapatnam	15	47	45	99	142	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bihar Sharif, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 425 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Wedding bells

Tying the knot: Actor Nayanthara and film director Vignesh Shivan during their wedding in Chennai on Thursday. •PTI

FROM PAGE ONE

70 elephants died of various causes across Karnataka

"But as far as 15 unnatural deaths are concerned 10 are due to electrocution, and even here one cannot infer that the elephants were targeted because the illegally powered fences installed by the farmers were meant to prevent wild boars though elephants do die in the process. But very few were intended to kill elephants," said Ms. Sashwathi Mishra.

On whether the installation of rail barricades had helped reduce conflict and elephant deaths due to electrocution or other causes, she said it was yet to be studied from that perspective. "The rail barricades are being installed in places of high conflict and sensitive regions in a phase-wise manner. But the elephants move over large distances and can still enter human landscape creating a conflict situation," she added.

The Forest Department's decision to upload mortality details followed a memorandum by wildlife conservationist Giridhar Kulkarni. He pointed out that the Elephant Task Force constituted by the State government as per the directive by the High Court of Karnataka, had recommended that elephant mortality details be uploaded in a separate section of the Forest Department's website.

Though this was accepted by the State, it had not implemented the same all these years. In addition, a circular was issued by the office of the PCCF (Wildlife) in September 2013 to upload the details of wildlife mortality, including post-mortem report, and this has now been complied with.

Mr. Kulkarni said this was a positive development as it was pending since 2013. "This initiative would bring transparency and will also help the Forest Department in gaining public support for wildlife conservation," he said.

Governor inaugurates temple at Amaravati

Srivari temple in Jammu will be ready in 6 months: TTD chairman

STAFF REPORTER
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Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan on Thursday inaugurated Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple at Venkatapalem village in Capital Amaravati by unveiling the plaque at the temple.

Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan at the inauguration of Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple at Amaravati.

Endowments Minister Kottu Satyanarayana, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy and TTD priests welcomed him. Visakha Sarada Peetam seer Swaroopanandenra Swamy was also present. Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, who was supposed to attend the function as one of the chief guests, did not turn up. The officials did not cite any reason for his absence.

On the occasion, Mr. Subba Reddy said that the TTD had launched the novel programme to build Srivari temples from Kashmir to Kanyakumari as part of its noble mission, protection and propagation of Sanatana Hindu Dharma. Recently Sri Venkateswara temples were inaugurated at Bhubaneswar and Visakhapatnam. The Amaravati temple was built at a cost of ₹31 crore in two years. Similarly Srivari temple in Jammu would be ready in six months' time, he said.

Temples in remote areas

Mr. Subba Reddy said that under the SRIVANI Trust programme, 500 Srivari temples had been built in remote areas of tribal, fishermen and weaker sections, and plans were getting ready for building 1,300 temples in the next two years.

Mr. Satyanarayana said devotees who could not afford to travel to Tirumala could seek blessings of Sri Venkateshwara at Amaravati Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple.

The Maha Samprokshanam fete for the newly constructed temple was held with religious fervour in the auspicious Mithuna Lagnam between 7.50 a.m. and 8.10 a.m. Rituals like Punyahavachanam, Kumbh Aradhana, Nivedana, Maha Purnahuti, Vimana Gopuram Kalasa Avahanam, etc., were also performed. Prana Pratistha, Brahma Ghosha, Veda Sattumora were conducted. It followed Dwajarohanam between 10.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Tirumala temple to get two new golden thrones

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
TIRUMALA

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has resolved to make ready two gold 'simhasanams' (thrones) for use at the temple of Lord Venkateswara here at a cost of ₹3.61 crore.

The new thrones will be used in the 'Kalyanotsavam', a ritual observed every day in the temple. Both the existing ones are reaching a state of dilapidation. Pure gold is likely to be used for making them in addition to 380 kg of copper sheets and 28 kg of brass sheets.

BJP leaders inspect national executive meet venue

Party to hold two-day brainstorming sessions at Hyderabad

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The BJP leaders led by national general secretary Tarun Chugh, organising secretary B.L. Santosh and others have been holding day-long brainstorming sessions in the last two days to plan for the proposed national executive meeting to be held in Hyderabad at HICC-Novotel on July 2 & 3.

Telangana party president Bandi Sanjay Kumar and many others trooped to the proposed venue.

BJP leaders led by Tarun Chugh visit the Novotel in Hyderabad on Thursday. •NAGARA GOPAL

Representatives of the convention hall and hotel took them around where the meeting place, exclusive lounges for the VVIPs like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and many others, dining area and other details were discussed. The party is said to have reserved more than 200 rooms in the hotel for the meeting in which the Chief Ministers of all the BJP-ruled States will also be present to discuss the strategy for the key State Assembly elections to Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, and the forthcoming President and Vice-President elections.

The choice of Hyderabad as the venue comes in the backdrop of party leadership wanting to make Telangana as its next big foray into the south after Karnataka.

Karnataka HC imposes ₹1 lakh cost on mother-daughter duo for suppressing facts

They are facing cheating case filed by the daughter's husband for allegedly fleeing with jewellery and money

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has imposed a cost of ₹1 lakh on a mother-daughter duo for suppressing facts in their petition in which they had questioned the criminal proceedings initiated against them by the daughter's husband for allegedly cheating him of several crores of rupees.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by Samantha Christina Delfina Willis, 25, and her mother, Shakila Willis, 56, both natives of Kolkatta and presently living in London. The petition was filed by one of their family friends, in whose favour they had executed a power of attorney (PA), which was executed in Bengaluru but notarised in London.

Holding that a petition filed by a PA holder on behalf of an accused in a criminal case is not maintainable, the court found that the petitioners had failed to disclose several details, including their arrest and release on bail a couple of days prior to the filing of the petition.

The complaint against the petitioners was lodged by one Syed Ali Hindustani, 28, who has places of residence both in Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Samantha had married him on June 6, 2021 in the city on getting connected through a matrimony website. However, on June 12 she complained of torture and left to her ancestral house in Kolkatta.

Prior to this, Samantha had allegedly taken all the ethnic jewellery of her mother-in-law stating that she needs them for a photo shoot. She had also got around ₹7.5 crore transferred to her account from the husband for buying a property.

After refusing to return to Bengaluru despite the request by the husband and her family members, the mother-daughter duo flew to London, it was alleged in the complaint. They were arrested when on their return to Kolkata in November 2021 from London for seeking annulment of marriage.

The complainant has also alleged that the petitioners were not Muslims but had posed themselves as Muslims while they were in fact Christians. However, the petitioners have denied any wrong doing while claiming that transfer of money to the wife had taken place when the marriage was in subsistence.

However, the court did not go into the merits of the petitions challenging the legality of the registration of the criminal case against them as their petition itself was not maintainable on being filed by the PA holder and for suppressing facts.

Content, not language, is king in Kerala cinemas

Success of movies of various tongues in State attributed to good story and script

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Movies in Tamil, Telugu, and Kannada are keeping the cash registers ringing for cinemas in Kerala.

Popular actor Kamal Haasan's *Vikram* has grossed over ₹18 crore in the first week of its release across theatres in the State, according to estimates by the Film Exhibitors' United Organisation of Kerala (FEUOK). The film by Lokesh Kanagaraj continued the golden run at the box office, with occupancy above 90% in most of the cinemas even on weekdays.

Blockbuster hits: Poster of the Tamil movie *Vikram* at a movie theatre in Kochi on Thursday. •THULASI KAKKAT

Grand opening

"*Vikram* had a grand opening. The movie earned a gross collection of about ₹15 crore by the third day itself. Movies in languages that include Tamil, Kannada, and Telugu are helping the cinemas in Kerala make a comeback after being hit badly by the pandemic," says K. Vijayakumar, president of FEUOK. "Going by the excellent feedback, *Vikram* is expected to earn about ₹35 to ₹40 crore from Kerala alone," he adds. The blockbuster movie *KGF:Chapter 2* and S.S. Rajamouli's *RRR* too had a fantastic run in theatres in the State. "While the Kerala gross collection of *KGF:Chapter 2* was about ₹50 crore, *RRR* managed to earn about ₹30 crore. Even a movie like *Beast*, which could not rise up to the expectations of the fans, could get a share of about ₹5 crore on the opening day," says Mr. Vijayakumar.

P.V. Basheer Ahamed, president of the Kerala Film Exhibitors' Federation, attributes the overwhelming success of other language movies to excellent content. "The success is not owing to the huge fan base of some of the superstars alone. People are appreciating new and refreshing content," he says. Mr. Ahamed says there is a growing demand for action-thriller movies among hardcore movie buffs in the State.

Messy battle

The tug of war between the L-G and the CM is a barrier to Delhi's development ambitions

The turf battle between the Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) appointed by the Centre and the elected government of Delhi has a long and noisy history. The recently appointed L-G, Vinai Kumar Saxena, has, through his disruptive enthusiasm to meddle in the day-to-day governance in Delhi, set the cat among the pigeons. Unlike his predecessors, Najeeb Jung and Anil Baijal, who too were at loggerheads with the elected government of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Mr. Saxena is a politician close to the BJP top brass. AAP has accused the L-G of undermining "constitutional sanctity" by having called a meeting of Delhi Jal Board officials on May 30 and issuing directions bypassing the Council of Ministers and the Chief Minister. The constitutional design of governance in Delhi itself is a consuming dispute that is being litigated in the Supreme Court. The Constitution gives the Centre control over three subjects – land, public order, and police. However, over the years, the Narendra Modi government has expanded the L-G's powers, including through an amendment to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act that the AAP government challenged in court last year. Through these amendments, the Centre reorganised the powers and responsibilities of the Delhi Legislative Assembly and the L-G, in favour of the latter. In the new law, "government" referred to in any law made by the Legislative Assembly will imply Lieutenant Governor (L-G), curtailing the powers of the elected government.

AAP has emerged as a thorn in the side of the BJP that is the dominant pole of the country's politics, barely challenged in many regions. The tussle between the Delhi government and the L-G has to be understood from this perspective. The Centre has been persistent in its attempts to rein in AAP that has been trying to propagate its governance model in the Capital as a propellant of its national ambitions. While the BJP appears to be willing to go to any length to clip the wings of AAP, the latter's loud protests are less on questions of principle than its own political calculations. AAP had cheered the Centre's unilateral move that robbed Jammu and Kashmir of its statehood and special status in 2019. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's grievances against the L-G are not unfounded, but he himself contributes to the stand-off as his politics compels him to be in constant combat with the BJP. Despite pronouncements by the L-G and the CM to work in tandem, their relationship has nosedived to new lows. Their long-drawn tug of war is a needless barrier to the capital city's development ambitions. Until the Court brings clarity on all issues of division of powers between the L-G and the CM, both would be well advised to work with mutual respect and accommodation.

Ties reset

India and Iran need to rebuild their ties affected adversely by recent global events

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian's first visit to India this week has many implications for bilateral relations, but it is the multilateral context and timing that stand out. This is the first visit by a member of the 57-member Organisation for Islamic Cooperation, which took offence to comments made in India on the Prophet. The controversy has overshadowed India's other diplomatic engagements. As a result, his visit was an opportunity for New Delhi to project that it has successfully assuaged the Islamic world with the actions of the ruling BJP against its spokespersons. For New Delhi, which always seeks to run a balance in ties between the two rivals, the Iranian visit comes a week after that of Israeli Defence Minister Benny Gantz. It also coincides with the meeting of the Board of Governors of the IAEA in Vienna, which has passed strictures against Iran for its nuclear programme. For Mr. Abollahaian, the visit would be portrayed as a show of support from a powerful country. In addition, Iran and India discussed the situation in Afghanistan under the Taliban, just days after an Indian envoy made the first outreach to Kabul. To this end, India and Iran have discussed further operationalising the Chabahar port, where goods to Afghanistan were sent before the government in Kabul fell last year. Finally, against the backdrop of the Russian war in Ukraine, and western sanctions, Iran has also been keen to convince New Delhi to restore its crude oil purchases, which it cancelled in 2019, after threats of U.S. sanctions. While there was no public statement on the matter during the official part of the visit, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's statement was significant – he called for the U.S. and Europe to allow Iranian and Venezuelan oil back into the international market if they want India to lower Russian oil imports, accusing the West of "squeezing" all alternative sources for India.

On the bilateral front too, India and Iran have catching up to do, with many promises of the last summit in Delhi left unrealised. Instead of increasing Indian oil imports, investments in developing reserves, building up the Chabahar rail project and scaling up trade, India has drastically cut its Iranian engagement due to sanctions, while Iran has looked to China for more infrastructure investment. Bilateral trade dropped to just over $2 billion (2020-21) from $17 billion (2017-18). Ties also appeared to have been hit by New Delhi's surprise decision to join the Israel-India-UAE-U.S. group, portrayed as an "anti-Iran" coalition, and by perceptions of Iranian support to Yemeni Houthis behind the drone attack on a UAE oil facility where an Indian was among those killed. Mr. Abdullohaian's visit, and a possible visit by Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, may be the start of a reset of traditionally strong ties even if it is one that is buffeted by developments in other parts of the world.

Reflections on the futures of Karnataka's pasts

The State has rich resources to begin a conversation on co-operation and conflict, and syncretism and dogmatism

JANAKI NAIR

The battle for and about Karnataka's pasts (and present) has eclipsed all other pressing issues related to the crippling learning deficit of the two COVID-19 years, the devastating effects on the economy, the urgency of dealing with the gravest health crisis of the recent past, and the looming threat of climate change. The battle is being fought on two levels: assorted groups of majoritarian mobs, religious heads, writers, and politicians are 'reclaiming' historical sites and structures. The principle that is emerging is an adaptation of "Show me the person, and I will show you the law'. It is "show me a Muslim structure and I will find you a 'Hindu' past".

Claims and demands

Just as the word 'encounter' became synonymous with unlawful killings of suspects by police, the word 'survey' has entered our lexicon carrying the pernicious threat of demolition. Not only has a claim now been made on Masjid-e-Ala in Srirangapatnam, constructed by Tipu in 1786-87, but Lingayat mathadishas of northern Karnataka have now petitioned Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Bommai to conduct a 'survey' of the Peer Pasha Bangla in Basavakalyan in Bidar district, claiming it is the seat of the original anubhava mantapa of the 12th century convened by Basaveshwara.

Likewise, a 'survey' has been demanded of the Assayed Adbullahil Madani mosque at Malali, Mangaluru, to establish its 'Hindu' origins. The Chief Minister has shown his willingness to concede these demands.

The second level of the battle has appeared in the form of the recently 'rewritten' textbooks, related to social sciences and Kannada. Here too, the principal goal is a control of the narrative of the Karnataka past, and an erasure of recent achievements (e.g. Karnataka's hard fought and won struggles for social justice in the last five decades). It need not surprise us that the demand for textbook rewriting was first triggered by the 'beleagured' Brahmin (represented by the Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board). The Rohit Chakrathirtha committee has obliged by replacing certain texts and authors, and rewriting parts of the social science books to undo the 'hurt sentiment'. But unlike the Muslim structures which have been targeted for attack, for which there can now only be an appeal to the law, the textbook revisions have seen an unanticipated range of responses that the Bommai government will not be able to so tidily resolve.

Eroding inclusivity

There is an anguished cry from writers such as Devanur Mahadeva, who represents the most innovative and complex in Kannada writing, that they be dropped from the new textbooks. Six other writers have followed suit. They will not resort to book burning or tearing to make their point, but have made dignified pleas to be dropped from a text which now features K.B. Hedgewar's speech translated into Kannada as 'Nijavada Adarsha Purusha Yaaragabeku? (Who should be an ideal role model'). What is their objection? Not just to the fact that a translation, of a rather preachy speech, has been chosen over other fine and thoughtful original pieces of Kannada literature. Their objection is also to the homogeneity of the newly included authors, which undoes the achievements of the more inclusive Kannada literary sphere over the last five decades.

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Objections to the 'rewriting' of the history sections have also been rich and varied. For one, a leading mathadisha, Panditaradhya Swami of Sanehalli, well known for his own support of, and interest in, theatre and literature, has objected to the new portrayal of Basava as a 'reformer' of an existing Veerasaivism, rather than as the founder of the Lingayat religion that represented opposition to the Brahminical order and its practices. The long-standing battle on Lingayat-\Veerasaiva origins had culminated in the demand for a separate religion in 2017, a movement that was successfully snuffed out by the Union government. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa also began the parallel task of cohering Basava's Anubhava Mantapa (which is being redeveloped) to 'Sanatana Pragatipara', a progressive Hinduism. There was only a weak outcry among Karnataka writers and intellectuals at the time. Do Panditaradhya Swami's objections now represent possible fissures between orange and saffron in Karnataka?

Not quite. Perhaps as a balancing act, Education Minister B.C. Nagesh was seen respectfully presenting copies of the new textbooks to the head of the powerful Adi Chunchungiri (Vokkaliga) matha, Nirmalananda Swamiji, for his approval. This followed Vokkaliga outrage against Chakrtirtha's disrespectful take on the State poet Kuvempu's nada geethe (now the State song). Kuvempu, a Jnanpith Award winning litterateur, has been 'owned' by the Vokkaligas, for some time now.

Questions and interpretation

What then is the future of Karnataka's heritage? At a time when information is freely and abundantly available, can the textbook be a purveyor of information alone? At a time when chaos and disruption are our lot, should students not be taught the rudiments of a historical temper instead? That history is neither about celebrating the glory of (mostly) heroes, or avenging real and imagined 'historical wounds' but an argument about the past, based on thoughtful and critical interpretation of facts? At the same time, do those who have been denied a past – tribals, women, Dalits – not deserve to interpret a historical method that has excluded them?

I use the word interpretation deliberately since all arguments for textbook change have emphasised 'true facts'. Thus, even those who vilify Tipu Sultan, Chakratirtha included, have to admit that he made donations to, and is remembered for, his protection of the Sringeri matha from Maratha marauders. Our children deserve to know how to interpret such facts, alongside the more troubling legacies of his reign. First, all of the Indian past is not about religious clashes between 'Hinduism' and Islam. A lot else was happening: our students need to know why Tipu is acknowledged as a restless moderniser, why he was considered among the most valiant of 18th century rulers who fought the British, but also when and how he was turned into a 'tyrant'. What does the rich symbolism of Tipu's court – his obsessive use of the tiger stripe for instance – and indeed his adoption of Persian as the official language tell us about the quest for legitimacy? What does his collection of books tell us? What do we make of the technological innovations of his time? They also need to know why he is remembered as responsible for conversions, and oppression, particularly of his enemies. Why did he support some non-Muslim religious people and institutions and not others? All this involves historical thinking, not imbibing of 'facts' that produce either pride or hatred.

Second, if we must talk about religious clashes in the past, let us be all inclusive, and talk about the bloody clashes between Saivas, Veerasaivas, and Jains, especially in the medieval period. For this, there is interesting material and literary evidence. Hero Stones (vira kallu) at Haveri, for example, and the reliefs and inscriptions on the Someshwara temple there, clearly depict the vanquishing of the Jains and destruction of Jain temples by the Veerasaivas. At other times, Jain temples were simply taken over and reused as Veerasaiva shrines. The countryside is replete with such examples.

Karnataka has valuable resources with which to begin this conversation among students, teaching them to think about both co-operation and conflict, syncretism and dogmatism, in the past, as much as in our present. And yes, religion is, as the well-known historian Ranajit Guha noted, among the richest archives in India. Should we squander these resources to uphold some impoverished idea of religious nationalism? Instead, we need to ask, like the educationist Krishna Kumar: is there a way of being Indian that is not nationalist, not producing pride, envy or hatred, but understanding and inclusivity, and tolerance for difference? I believe Karnataka's rich heritage offers this unique opportunity for both truth and reconciliation.

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An enduring agreement bridging India-Pakistan ties

Despite differences, the Indus Waters Treaty is one of most effective examples of water management in the world

MUKESH KUMAR SRIVASTAVA

The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) is an established water-distribution treaty between India and Pakistan to use water in the Indus and its tributaries. In the words of former U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower, the treaty has since its existence in 1960, served as "one bright spot ... in a very depressing world picture that we see so often", resolving the long-standing differences between India and Pakistan since Partition.

Following the 118th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) comprising the Indus Commissioners of India and Pakistan held on May 30-31, 2022 in New Delhi, it is important to reflect on the struggles and the high stakes that the two countries have experienced to ensure a long-lasting treaty on the one hand and the lessons that can be drawn to address multiple concerns pending in the region on the other.

Struggles and stakes

After years of arduous negotiations, the Indus Waters Treaty was signed in Karachi on September 19, 1960, by then Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and then Pakistani President Ayub Khan, negotiated by the World Bank. The treaty establishes a cooperative mechanism for exchanging information between the two countries regarding the use of the western rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab) allocated to Pakistan and the eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej) allocated to India. However, the treaty also underlines provisions allowing each country to use the rivers allocated to the other for certain purposes such as irrigation and hydroelectricity. The Permanent Indus Commission, which has a commissioner from each country, oversees the cooperative mechanism and ensures that the two countries meet annually (alternately in India and Pakistan) to discuss myriad issues emerging from the treaty. This year, the commission met twice, in March in Islamabad, Pakistan, and then in New Delhi, in May.

Some differences

India-Pakistan relations have most often been embroiled in the high politics of the region's history resulting in a political stalemate between the two countries. It is a rare feat that despite the many lows in India-Pakistan relations, talks under the treaty have been held on a regular basis.

Nonetheless, throughout its existence, there have been many occasions during which differences between the two countries were discernible. For instance, both countries held different positions when Pakistan raised objections regarding the technical design features of the Kishanganga (330 megawatts) and Ratle (850 megawatts) hydroelectric power plants located on the tributaries of the Jhelum and the Chenab, respectively, designated as "Western Rivers". However, under Articles III and VII of the treaty, India is permitted to construct hydroelectric power facilities on these rivers (subject to constraints specified in Annexures to the Treaty).

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Differences were also discernible when Pakistan approached the World Bank to facilitate the setting up of a court of arbitration to address the concerns related to these two projects referred to in Article IX Clause 5 of the treaty, and when India requested the appointment of a Neutral Expert referent to Clause 2.1 of Article IX on the settlement of differences and dispute of the treaty, respectively. Disagreements continued on the issue with many meetings brokered by the World Bank to resolve their disagreements. But it was without any success.

Eventually, on March 31, 2022, the World Bank, in view of the differences, decided to resume two separate processes by appointing a neutral expert and a chairman for the court of arbitration. However, the two parties have not been able to find an acceptable solution. The appointment of a neutral expert will find precedence to address the differences since under Article IX Clause 6 of the treaty provisions, Arbitration 'shall not apply to any difference while it is being dealt with by a Neutral Expert'. Therefore, the two separate processes are more likely to generate technical and legal repercussions.

Similarly, Pakistan, invoking Article VII Clause 2 on future cooperation, raised objections on the construction and technical designs of the Pakal Dul and Lower Kalnai hydropower plants located on Marusudar river, a tributary of the Chenab, in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir. The 117th and the 118th meetings of the Permanent Indus Commission held this year deliberated this issue. Here, India has assured Pakistan that all the concerned projects are treaty compliant.

Similarly, India has raised concerns on issues such as Pakistan's blockade of the Fazilka drain, which resulted in water contamination in the border areas, referent to Article II Clause 3 and Article IV Clause 4 and 6 of the treaty. During the 117th bilateral meeting in March, Pakistan assured India of all possible actions to ensure the free flow of the Fazilka drain into the Sutlej.

Notwithstanding the differences, both countries have so far endeavoured to amicably address all such issues with both sides assuring to implement the treaty in letter and spirit.

Lessons from the treaty

Although there are many outstanding issues, the treaty is important and many lessons can be drawn. The treaty is an illustration of a long-standing engagement between the conflicting nations that has stood the vagaries of time. It has withstood tensions, including conflict, providing a framework for cooperation. The treaty, therefore, is considered one of the oldest and the most effective examples of water management cooperation in the region and the world. The 118th bilateral meeting corroborates its effectiveness.

With the exception of differences on a few pending issues, both countries have avoided any actions resulting in the aggravation of the conflict or acted in a manner causing conflict to resurface. The recent bilateral meeting points to mutual respect, communication and a sharing of information, despite differences.

Potential for cooperation

The treaty can serve as an edifice to address the challenges of climate change. Recognising common interests and mutual benefits, India and Pakistan can undertake joint research on the rivers to study the impact of climate change for 'future cooperation' (underlined in Article VII).

The Indus Waters Treaty also offers great potential for cooperation and development in the subcontinent which can go a long way in ensuring peace and stability. Given that both India and Pakistan have been committed to manage the rivers in a responsible manner, the Treaty can be a reference point to resolve other water-related issues in the region through regular dialogue and interaction.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Taming inflation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the repo rate from 4% to 4.9% in a span of just 34 days to contain inflation. It says the inflationary phase the country is passing through is a result of supply shocks, mostly related to food items. The basic question then is will making money a little dearer remedy the supply shocks experienced in daily life and in meeting daily necessities? There is very little connection between the two. Two, will not a higher lending rate lead to increased cost of production and fuel inflation? Improving the supply side is what is required, which is probably not easy today because of the Russian war against Ukraine. At this juncture, the RBI seems to be continuing to take monetary measures, the impact of which it is not sure of, or which can even be counterproductive.

P. MANGALACHANDRAN,
West Poroiam, Kannur, Kerala

▪ Facing fire as a result of galloping inflation, the Government has no other option but to sacrifice growth in the hope that inflation will cool down. The increase in repo rates was inevitable. It is almost certain that a further rise can be expected. However, how much this is going to help in tackling inflation remains to be seen. Food inflation is most worrying as it has put even the most basic items out of the reach for many.

ANTHONY HENRIQUES,
Mumbai

▪ The repo rate adjustment game seems to be back. Such steps would have another effect; making EMIs of home loans and other personal loans expensive is one example. It may help reduce inflation levels to some extent but the private consumption part of growth engines may get affected. The unabated rise of inflation in India and globally is largely the consequence of a disrupted supply chain. The Government should increase its public expenditure.

Dr. D.V.G. SANKARARAO,
Nellimarla, Andhra Pradesh

A silence

India has had to bow its head in shame following obtuse remarks made by certain political spokespersons against a particular religion. But what is more shocking is that the Prime Minister and the Home Minister have maintained a stony silence on the issue.

It is also a fact that certain news anchors on television hardly moderate debates, leading to fiery remarks, in turn adding to the problem. It is time right thinking people realise that there is a grave situation that prevails in the country due to the divide-and-rule policy practised by the ruling dispensation. One hopes that people will exercise caution and vote with thought in the 2024 general election.

THARCIUS S. FERNANDO,
Chennai

Enforce mask rule

Social distancing and mask wearing have gone for a toss. However, with warnings of rising COVID-19 cases in some parts of India as a result of a spurt in travel, it is imperative that health protocols return. As a traveller, I find many precautions being ignored.

AANYA SINGHAL,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Is the ban on wheat exports good policy?

PARLEY

It is ad hoc, hurts farmers' incomes, and may not impact inflation much

Over the last month, the government has banned the export of wheat and imposed quantitative restrictions on outbound sugar shipments. The wheat export ban came within days of a push to enhance India's wheat supplies to the rest of the world after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This is a time of persistently high inflation, spurred by rising food and fuel prices, and there are concerns about a lower yield this year due to intensive heat waves. The government has argued that farmers have not lost out due to the ban as most had already sold their produce this season. In a discussion moderated by **Vikas Dhoot**, *S. Mahendra Dev and Himanshu consider the efficacy of these curbs. Edited excerpts:*

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is director and vice chancellor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research

Himanshu
is associate professor at the JNU's Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences

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What do the export curbs mean for reining in inflation and addressing India's food security concerns?

Himanshu: I don't think the export ban is going to help much with inflation as the procurement season for the wheat crop is more or less over. I don't think it is going to keep the prices down or help the government to procure and prepare better for food security.

My objection to the ban has not been on the policy of export curbs per se – almost 30 countries have done the same, and countries should have a sovereign right to decide what is the right time to curb exports. My problem is with a kind of ad-hocism or muddled policy-making. And this is not the first time, which makes it more worrying. This has been going on for the last two decades – there is no planning on how to manage the trade policy for agriculture products or even other products. Look at it: on May 12, there was an official press release about sending delegations to nine countries to explore wheat export opportunities. And then on May 13, there was an export ban. That's not the right way of looking at it. Through April, officials went to the U.S., talked to President Joe Biden, and the Finance and Commerce Ministers were saying, 'If not for the WTO [World Trade Organization], we will be feeding the entire world'. And then suddenly within a month, the government says, 'No, no, we don't have enough for exports.' This gives a wrong signal to domestic farmers as well as traders. It is certainly not good for food security because whatever damage was supposed to happen has already happened. The government has not been able to procure whatever is required for managing its food security apparatus.

Did circumstances change significantly between April and May with the wheat crop estimates being downgraded? Or even between May 12 and May 13, when India went from being an aspiring wheat exporter to the world to banning exports completely?

S. Mahendra Dev: Even before the Ukraine-Russia war, global food prices were increasing because of excess liquidity across the world. But the war gave India an opportunity to export more wheat. The global export market is around 200 million tonnes, of which 55 million tonnes are generally from Ukraine and Russia. India exported 7 million tonnes in 2021-22, and everybody thought we had a lot of opportunity this year. Open market prices were higher at ₹2,400 a quintal compared to the MSP [Minimum Support Price] of around ₹2,100. So, farmers were getting higher prices after a long time. The export ban has two effects. It impacts farmers' incomes as well as the long-term credibility of the export policy. One reason given for the ban was the production estimates. In 2006 too, production was overestimated and India had to import as procurement was low. It's the same now: many people thought production was over-estimated at 111 million tonnes; now we may have 99-100 million tonnes. The second reason was procurement. Last year, 44 million tonnes were procured; now we are expecting around 19 million tonnes. The third reason was the retail inflation, which was inching close to 8% in April, with food products even higher.

The government may have acted for these reasons, but it has hurt farmers' incomes and the impact on inflation may not be very high because global food prices are still high. Instead of an export ban, it could have opted for a minimum export price and given a bonus of ₹250 to ₹300 to spur more procurement for food security goals. On sugar, of global exports of around 64 million tonnes, India was exporting 8 million tonnes last year. Now, there is no shortage of sugar production. We are expecting 35 million tonnes. Even with exports, we could have had a closing stock of around 6 million tonnes. So, there was no need – the government says it is because of global shortage and higher prices in India. It thinks that during the festival season, sugar prices should not go up and has restricted exports to 10 million tonnes.

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The export ban impacts farmers' incomes as well as the long-term credibility of the export policy.
S. MAHENDRA DEV

Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal has said local wheat prices have fallen by about ₹5 a kg, so the export ban is indeed working. The G7 nations and other countries have urged India to rethink the ban, though government-to-government procurements will be considered.

Himanshu: Global credibility is not as important as India has not been a regular wheat exporter except for the last two-three years when it had excess stocks. The more serious issue is the credibility of government policy for our biggest stakeholders – the millions of farmers who need a stable and consistent policy. This has not been provided. As far as domestic price measures are concerned, things get a little tricky – because for the last few years, farmers have been suffering through low prices domestically, due to the slowdown in the economy and the pandemic. Finally, when they had the chance to get slightly better incomes from the produce, the government imposed the export ban. So, the domestic outcomes of the export ban are worrying, because we had options like a bonus for procurement that could have helped farmers and food security concerns. Some kind of disincentives could have been built in rather than an outright ban on exports, which basically doesn't help the farmers or even the consumers that much, whatever the government claims.

We have to see this in the context of the overall agricultural policy, not just for exports, but also incentives and market interventions. What we need is a more cohesive, consistent, stable and predictable agricultural policy, rather than an ad-hoc, unjustified manner of pressing the panic button.

In 2016-17, India had a good pulses crop. But procurement was bungled then and farmers, who were left high and dry, reduced sowing for pulses from the next year. Could we see a similar impact on sowing preferences this time?

Himanshu: This is an important question. Let's look at oil seeds, another commodity which has seen a massive increase in prices. We have been importing roughly 60% of our seeds and must produce more. But as prices have gone up, the government reduced the import duty on palm oil, and while that is going to reduce market prices for consumers, it would be at the cost of the farmer who will not enjoy the benefits of higher price. So, in a sense, we are penalising the farmer who could have actually shifted production towards oil seeds, but can't compete with cheaper imports. So, we have a policy that penalises farmers at the cost of the consumers, who always get the preference, whether it is pulses or oil seeds.

The 2016 episode with pulses is a good example – when farmers were able to get higher prices, the government dumped imports from Mozambique and other countries, which led to the collapse of prices. Since then, farmers have been hesitant to go into pulses production. The risks of a muddled policy can damage prospects across the spectrum. We have gone from self-sufficiency in edible oils at the beginning of the 1990s to complete dependency on imports – and trade policy had a large role in that.

S. Mahendra Dev: Since Independence, we have been favouring the consumers at the expense of the farmers. That has to change. The situation assessment survey of 2018-19 shows that farmers' incomes are low, with only ₹127 a day from cultivation. We have to think of the farmers' families because they also have expenses, such as health, education and agriculture inputs. For consumers, social protection programmes can act as a support rather than a reduction in farm prices.

Sowing preferences may not change that much, because rice and wheat get a lot of incentives and take up about 80% of the water of the entire agriculture sector. But this ad-hocism – one year we export, next year we ban it – has been happening with most commodities, from wheat to onions. Diversification is important not just for food security, but also nutrition security as many of the poor are not able to buy pulses or eggs and meat.

The government had talked of doubling farm incomes by 2022. How do these steps fit in with that goal?

S. Mahendra Dev: In 2013, farmers were getting ₹6,400 and in 2018-19, that was around ₹7,700 in real terms. That's a 21% increase in six years, or 3.5% per annum. You need 10% growth per year to double farm incomes. Non-farm income is also needed because cultivation alone is not enough.

Himanshu: I think everybody knew when the announcement was made that this is impossible – when it had not happened in the past, it was unlikely to happen when the economy was in the middle of a slowdown. Also, farmer incomes are dependent on not just output prices but also input costs, which have been rising. So, you can have a weird situation where input prices grow faster than output prices, and farmers actually make losses rather than higher incomes. Even over the last six months of rising prices, I don't think farmers gained much. A large part of the benefits went to traders and speculators, who hoarded stocks to sell at high prices later.

The whole premise of the three farm reform laws, now abandoned, was to give farmers the freedom to sell where and when they want...

Himanshu: I think the last three months have been a good example of the futility of the farm laws. The Government says the farmers have sold wheat at a higher price because the government was able to pick up less than 20 million tonnes, less than half the target. So, farmers obviously had avenues if they wanted to sell it to the private players. They managed to sell it without any change in the market infrastructure and without the farm laws. The problem is only when the prices are low as that is when you need the government to step in, and that is the point of MSP. This is a good example of how a bogey was created around the farm laws, that these were the only barriers to farmers not getting high prices. But now the government itself is saying farmers have got high prices, nullifying the entire premise on which the laws were formulated. The problem was not about the farmers, it's the nature of agricultural markets and the vulnerability of farmers.

S. Mahendra Dev: We have been talking about farm reforms since 2003. My stand has been this: leave it to the States. In India, a large country, you cannot have one system for the entire country, which has so many variations in soil, climate, etc. So, each State can see what can be done rather than the Centre imposing farm laws.

NOTEBOOK

The art of diplomacy

In the world of global diplomacy, embarrassments, gaffes, and 'diplomatic incidents' are par for the course

SUHASINI HAIDAR

"I saw it. I fixed it. That's the whole story". It took me a few minutes to understand what the Minister was saying to me. I was in Islamabad to cover the SAARC Home Minister's meeting in 2010, attended by the then Home Minister, P. Chidambaram, and I had received a summons from Indian Embassy officials who said the Minister wanted to speak to Indian journalists. Apparently "it" referred to the Indian tricolour that had been placed upside down, inadvertently or otherwise, on the table next to Mr. Chidambaram during the bilateral talks with the then Pakistani Interior Minister, Rehman Malik. The Minister had moved with some deftness once an official pointed out the error, and wanted to ensure that television channels back home would use the visuals of the Indian flag after it had been set right and not before. Although Malik swore it was an honest mistake, suspicions were high that the hosts had done this on purpose to upset the atmosphere, heightened by the memory that even as a guest in 2006, former Pakistani President General Pervez Musharraf had flown into Jaipur with the tricolour flying upside down on his plane. At the SAARC Home Minister's meeting in 2016 too, there was an incident: protesters in Pakistan were allowed close to the convoy of then Home Minister Rajnath Singh, and India officially protested this with the Pakistan government.

As host, India too has had to deal with some tense moments over protests during visits. In 2002, Tibetan youth leader Tenzin Tsundue scaled 14 floors of a Mumbai hotel during Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji's visit, and unfurled a Tibetan flag. In 2005, Mr. Tsundue unfurled a 'Free Tibet' banner from atop a water tower in Bengaluru when Premier Wen Jiabao visited the IISc campus. And in 2016, protesters were allowed close to Hyderabad House in New Delhi where President Xi Jinping met Prime Minister Narendra Modi. All these incidents, the Chinese delegations suspected, were "deliberately planned" rather than security breaches.

When it comes to flags, not all incidents are as serious. The Chief of Protocol of a neighbouring country once told me about a near-incident, when he asked his foreign ministry supplier to decorate the city's roundabouts with national flags in honour of the Czech Republic leader's arrival. To his horror, he found the main street of the capital decked in black-and-white chequered flags (like the ones found at F1 car races) instead, and had to move swiftly to have new flags in place. At an official banquet in Delhi a few years ago, I realised that the menus that had been placed in front of us had been mixed up with those for a previous visitor. The officials, once alerted, moved quickly to correct the mistake and through sign language and whispers, ensured that the Indian guests removed all the menus from the plates of the foreign guests sitting next to them.

In the complex and often arcane world of global diplomacy, gaffes, embarrassments and "diplomatic incidents" are par for the course. Some, like the Qatari decision to cancel a banquet in honour of Vice President Venkaiah Naidu, ostensibly due to his counterpart the Deputy Emir's possible exposure to COVID-19, left officials wondering if there was a larger message being conveyed regarding the Qatar government's unhappiness over the controversial comments made in India about Prophet Mohammad. Some of those suspicions were confirmed when the Qatar Foreign Ministry also summoned the Ambassador to protest. Nevertheless, the Vice President continued through the trip as is normally the case in such matters, making the point that bilateral ties transcend such incidents, and trying to ensure, mostly unsuccessfully, that we in the media follow suit. However, in the age of social media, it is that much harder to stop a story from getting out, and to do the "damage control" once it is published.

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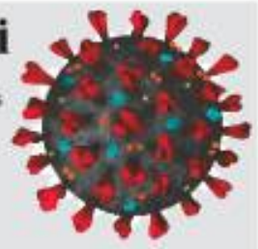
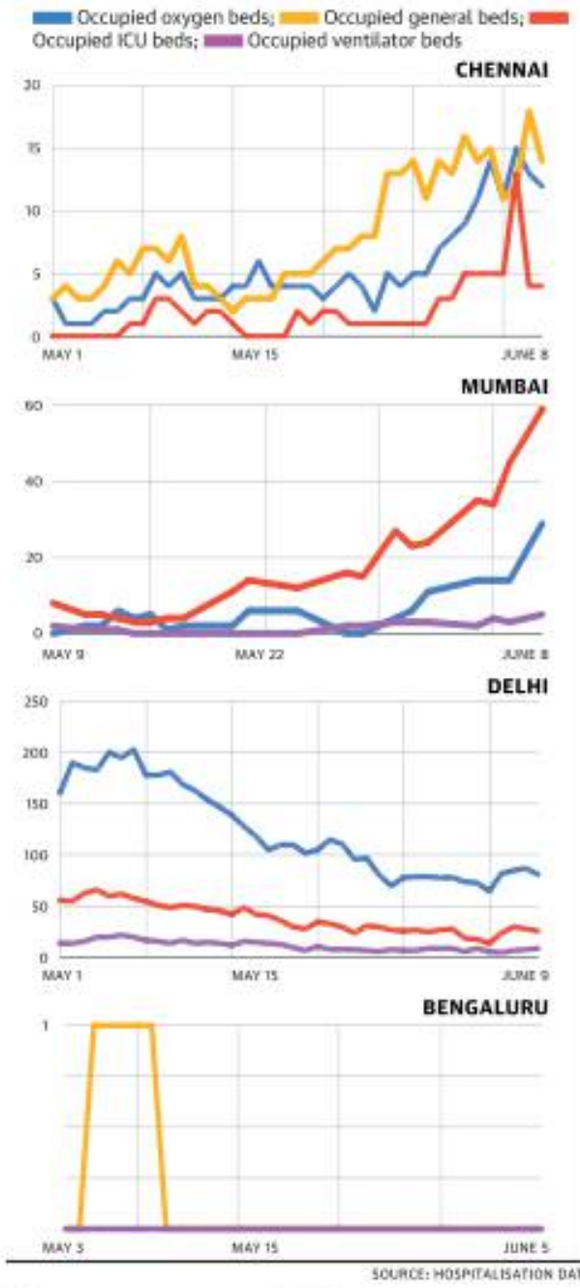
DATA POINT

Hospitalisations rise in Mumbai & Chennai

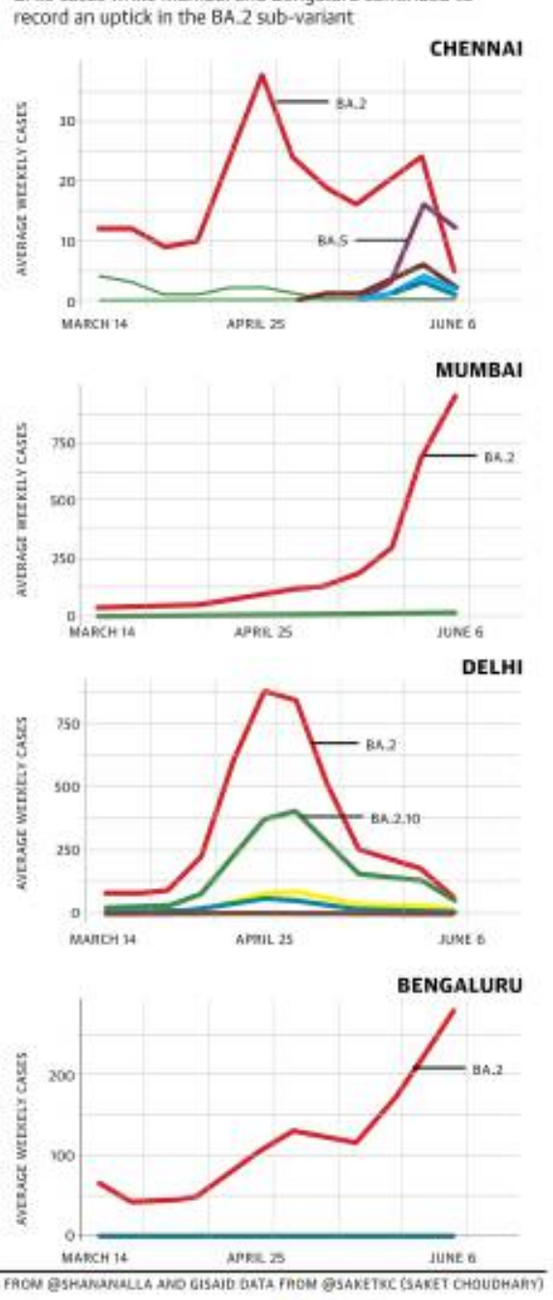


The number of COVID-19 cases has once again started to increase in India. The seven-day average number of infections rose to 4,500 on June 8 from around 2,100 a fortnight ago. Much like the previous waves, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Bengaluru have recorded a large number of cases. Both Chennai and Mumbai have recorded a sharp spike in the number of hospitalisations. Data from GISAID show that Omicron's BA.2 sub-lineage may be responsible for the uptick in most cities. However, in Chennai, the latest increase coincides with a noticeable rise in the BA.5 sub-lineage. But given the small number of cases sequenced in every district, the data have to be taken with a pinch of salt.
By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan** and **Rebecca Rose Varghese**

HOSPITAL BED OCCUPANCY | The charts show the types of hospital beds earmarked for COVID-19 and which were occupied in four cities. For instance, in Mumbai, the number of oxygen (O2) beds occupied increased from around 2 in mid-May to around 30 by June 8.



VARIANTS OF CONCERN | The charts show the estimated cases (weekly average) in India by variant. The estimation is based on weekly genomic surveillance data deposited to GISAID. Only Chennai recorded a surge in BA.5 cases while Mumbai and Bengaluru continued to record an uptick in the BA.2 sub-variant



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The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 10, 1972

S. African white students defy ban

Johannesburg, June 9: More than 1,000 white university students defied a Government ban on public gathering yesterday by assembling on a pavement just outside their campus here. A barricade of motor vehicles, including a minibus carrying a banner "students representative council" was placed across the main entrance to the white University of the Witwatersrand. The only police in sight at the time were a small group of plainclothes officers on a traffic island in the road outside the entrance. These moves followed a general assembly of students, the university Senate and the council in a campus building. A resolution was passed affirming the right of university students and other citizens "to express peacefully by public assembly and procession their opinions on matters of public policy and their right thereby to seek public support for opinions thus expressed." It was estimated that about 6,000 students were present at the general assembly. The resolution also expressed "extreme distress and indignation at the violent measures taken by the Government" against peaceful assemblies. South African University staff and Senate members have also joined the nation-wide Student-Government confrontation which has raged over the past two weeks.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 10, 1922

Silver Market

London, June 9: Montague's weekly report says: For months past Chinese internal politics have really been the dominating factor in price of silver. Contest for supremacy there perhaps less affects silver than changing seasons do; but war operations unsettle public confidence. The hope is revived that General Wu-Pei-Fu's apparent success in the political arena will lead to the establishment of a stable government in which the tendency to hoard will diminish inasmuch as the Chinese are not hoarders by nature. It will also remove the hindrances of crops. The news has already induced Chinese exchange speculators to reverse their operations and sell silver here. Hence a fairly rapid descent of prices early in the week. The market now shows a somewhat uncertain tendency owing to the fact that conflicting orders from China are often received on the same day. Indian Bazaars are only nibbling and America is holding off supplies while Continent is poor seller.

My son's school started with half-day classes for the students of 1 - 4 to help them get adjusted to offline classes. They have also not taken up very strict conventional teaching yet and are allowing children to be comfortable at school.

SINDHU VINAY, private employee

My son has just got into the 4th grade. At an age where children are supposed to meet new people, explore the outside world, and learn to live away from their parents, they were forced to learn from a screen within four walls. In the last two years, he had online classes and had no physical activities at all; now, he is able to meet children of his age, enroll in activities like yoga and gymnastics and do a lot more.

MANJUNATHA SHARMA, private employee

As much as Aadya (daughter) is excited to go to school, she is a little overwhelmed too. Her school acknowledges that since children were at home for over two years, they would need additional help to adjust. They have been very approachable to discuss any feedback and happy to bring in changes.

GAUTAMI REDDIVARI, private employee

My daughter (second grade) used to be very excited about school before the lockdowns, but as school reopened this year, she was a little cranky during the first few days. Now it has been a week, and she is back to her normal self again. She even goes to badminton classes before school.

CHAITHANYA GOPIKRISHNA, bank manager

We are assuming that children are like blank sheets now, and are brushing up on fundamentals for all classes. It has to be said that children are coping very fast.

US MOINUDDIN, Secretary, Magnifique English School

Findings from National Achievement Survey 2021

By the Ministry of Education, Government of India

Performance of Karnataka across different classes and subjects

(against the overall achievement score)

Performance of Karnataka for class III

Subject	Performance
Language	Average
Mathematics	Average
Environmental Science	Average

Performance of Karnataka for class V

Subject	Performance
Language	Above Average
Mathematics	Average
Environmental Science	Below Average

Performance of Karnataka for class VIII

Subject	Performance
Language	Below Average
Mathematics	Below Average
Science	Below Average
Social Science	Above Average

Performance of Karnataka for class X

Subject	Performance
Modern Indian Language	Below Average
Mathematics	Below Average
Science	Average
Social Science	Above Average
English	Above Average

Gender-wise performance of Karnataka across different classes and subjects

Performance of Karnataka for class III

Subject	Performance
Language	Average achievement score of girls is **not significantly different** than the average achievement score of boys
Mathematics	Average achievement score of girls is **not significantly different** than the average achievement score of boys
Environmental Science	Average achievement score of girls is **not significantly different** than the average achievement score of boys

Gender-wise performance of Karnataka for class V

Subject	Performance
Language	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys.
Mathematics	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys
Environmental Science	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys

Gender-wise performance of Karnataka for class VIII

Subject	Performance
Language	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys
Mathematics	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys
Science	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys
Social Science	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys

Gender-wise performance of Karnataka for class X

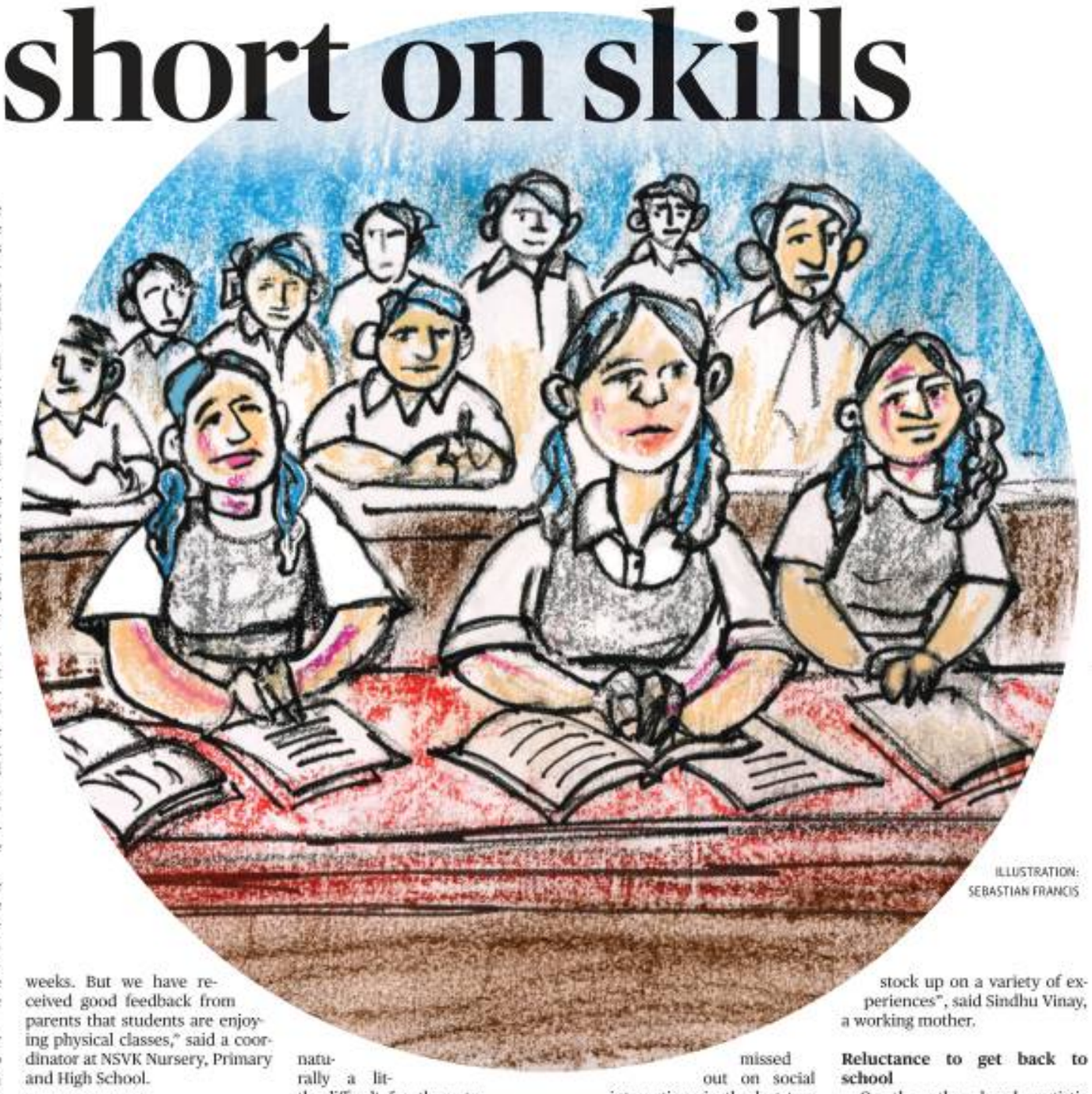
Subject	Performance
Modern Indian Language	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys
Mathematics	Average achievement score of girls is **not significantly different** than the average achievement score of boys.
Science	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys
Social Science	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys
English	Average achievement score of girls is **significantly above** than the average achievement score of boys

(From left) Students of a Bengaluru school on the first day after on-campus classes resumed; students arriving for classes at BBMP High School at R.T. Nagar; children boarding the school bus after classes at Millers Road. FILE PHOTOS

Schools are conducting bridge courses, yoga and music classes, and counselling for children

Students are back in school but short on skills

JAHNAVI T. R.
BENGALURU



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For six-year-old Siddharth, the best part about school is that he gets to meet his friends. The class I student spent two of his kindergarten years mostly in online classes. He says he is not bored anymore as he goes to school every day.

But this is not the case for all the children who have gone back to school; some first graders have had adjustment issues. Many private schools have reported a dip in reading, writing and social skills in students. Unlike the pre-pandemic years, when only the first two days of a fresh academic year meant revision classes, this time, schools are dedicating almost a month to bring students up to speed, with bridge courses and other 'back to basics' approaches.

According to the recently released 'National Achievement Survey 2021', the academic performance of students in Karnataka during the year was average against the overall achievement score of the country for third graders. For the fifth graders, the report says that above average performance was seen in languages and average performance in mathematics.

Teachers in city's schools have noticed a deterioration in the handwriting. Many students, especially between class I and IV, have also forgotten spellings. Those in classes V to VII have forgotten basic mathematics, like fractions and decimals, they say.

"The students were not exactly proactive when they first came to school, but they picked up within a few days. The older children are more in tune with the classes as some of them attended offline classes for a few months last year, but the younger ones will be comfortable soon. We are conducting more oral-oriented programmes, while also brushing up on basic mathematics, like addition and subtraction, multiplication tables for the primary classes and LCM and HCF for the V to VII graders," said US Moinuddin, Secretary, Magnifique English School.

"Children in classes I to IV are struggling to read and write, but they will be able to cope within the next 15 to 20 days. With regard to older students, we have noticed that some of them have become dull due to lack of physical classes. We are hoping to resolve all such issues within a few weeks. But we have received good feedback from parents that students are enjoying physical classes," said a coordinator at NSVK Nursery, Primary and High School.

Dealing with social anxiety

Apart from academics, social anxiety has been a concern. Parents also do not deny that the transition has been a little difficult for the children. But with managements and teachers taking extra measures to make school a comfortable place by including a lot of co-curricular activities, the children are slowly adjusting to the change.

At Alpine Public School, yoga classes have been introduced to keep the students calm while music has also been actively introduced into the curriculum for the same reason.

"The students of lower grades were very attached to their families, especially their mothers, during the pandemic days. It was naturally a little difficult for them to come into the school atmosphere, considering the fact that many of them had never been exposed to such atmospheres before. Adolescents on the other hand, have become more conscious as there have been a lot of changes in them in the last two years. Hence, our teachers are also counselling the students, to help them get more comfortable", said Anitha M. Kalibhat, teacher and coordinator, Alpine Public School.

Parents, for the most part, are relieved that children are back to their routines and away from the screens, which was one of the biggest concerns during the pandemic years. Those parents, who have children within the age group of four to six, said their biggest worry was that their children had missed out on social interactions in the last two years, which could mean social anxiety when they go back to school. However, most of them have received feedback from their children that they are enjoying going to school.

"Now we can see some discipline in them as all these days, they had no urgency to wake up on time or get ready and now that is not the case. Their dependency on parents has also reduced as we no longer have to keep them occupied for 10 to 12 hours a day. Since they were confined at home, I think children could not understand elements of social wellbeing. Those of my son's age (six years) had completely forgotten how the world was. It is a really good thing that physical classes are back as they can now stock up on a variety of experiences", said Sindhu Vinay, a working mother.

Reluctance to get back to school

On the other hand, autistic children are highly resistant to return to school. "We are getting mails and calls every day that they do not want offline classes and that they are anxious. They only want "laptop schools". They want to come to the centre, but not attend classes. The parents have requested us for help and that is why this whole month, we have only scheduled camp like activities and no regular classes. The target for teachers is also emotional regulation and to ensure that the children come and go happily," said Sharbani Mallik, founder director, Bubbles Centre for Autism.

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Parents opt for residential schools to wean children off gadgets

Many schools in Hassan have seen parents seeking TCs to admit their children to residential schools in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi districts

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HASSAN

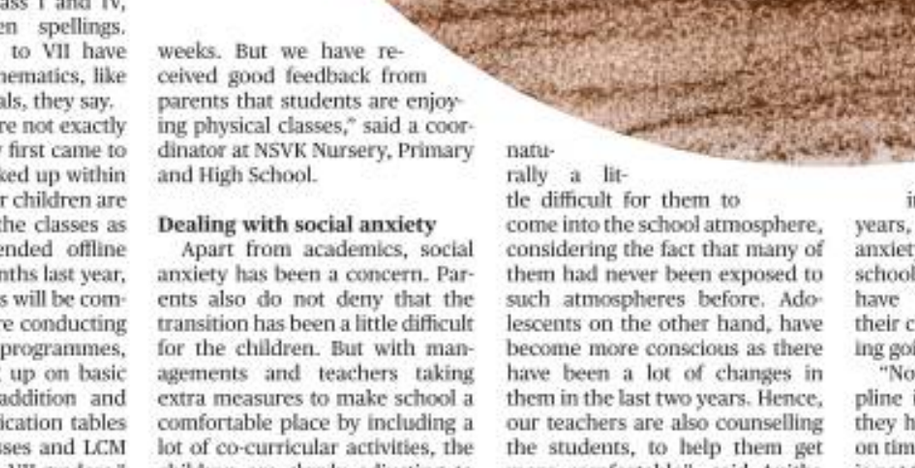
Many parents, worried over their children's addiction to mobile phones and television, are preferring faraway residential schools to next-door day schools. Almost all schools, including well-established private ones, in Hassan, have seen parents seeking transfer certificates to admit their children to residential schools in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts.

The head of a private school in Hassan told The Hindu that, in 2022, four students, two each in class 6 and 8, took transfer certificates. They want to get admission for their children in residential schools in Dakshina Kannada district.

"In all four cases, the parents want their children to move away from their comfort zone for a few years so that they are back on the track in terms of academics. During the COVID-19 lockdown, the children were invariably dependent on mobile phones for online classes. Gradually, they got addicted to the phones, and spent long hours playing games or watching videos. Now, parents are struggling to discipline them," he said.

According to the secretary of another private school, "Whenever parents seek transfer certificates, we interact with them to know the reasons for their decision. In almost all the cases, they had no complaints against the school. The parents are worried about disciplining their children. The common complaint is that the children don't listen to their parents or elders at home."

A parent, who has admitted his son to a school in Dakshina Kannada district, says, "The COVID-19 pandemic brought many changes in our lifestyle, including the behaviour of children. He is the elder of two children. All these years, we pampered the children by giving them the gadgets they sought. Now, they hardly spend time with books. We thought it is right to put them in residential schools, where they would not have access to personal mobile phones."



The family took the decision in the interest of their son's future even though, emotionally, it was a tough move.

Parents need counselling

Dr. S.V. Santhosh, Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry at Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, said mobile phones were beneficial to students during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns. However, excessive dependence on mobile phone have demerits.

"We are seeing cases of childhood depression and attempt to suicide in paediatric addiction to mobile phones. However, this cannot be resolved by sending children to hostels. In most cases, it is the parents who deserve counselling and treatment rather than the children. There is a need for awareness among people on the use of mobile phone," he said.

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Presidential polls scheduled for July 18

A list of the members of the electoral college would be uploaded on the EC's site and updated when the results of the ongoing elections to 55 Rajya Sabha seats and Assembly byelections are announced, he said. Political parties cannot issue a whip to their members, the CEC said. Mr. Kumar said electors in preventive detention would be allowed to vote and those in jail would have to seek parole in order to cast their ballots.

In 2017, Mr. Kovind won with 7,02,044 votes over former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar who got 3,67,314 votesout of the total of 10,69,358.

While the total number of electors was 4,896 in 2017, each MP had 709 votes and MLAs had a total votes of 5,49,495 based on the 1971 Census.

Narsinghanand, Owaisi booked by Delhi Police

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations unit) K.P.S. Malhotra said the case was registered on Wednesday. He said the social media users were booked for "spreading hate, inciting groups and disturbing public tranquillity".

In a Twitter post, the Delhi Police said they had sent notices to the intermediaries to get details of several other social media users.

AIMIM supporters held a protest outside the Parliament Street police station opposing the FIR against Mr. Owaisi. A total of 33 protesters were detained and an FIR, under the IPC Section pertaining to disobedience to an order duly promulgated by a public servant, was lodged against the agitators.

Ms. Banerjee said there was a case pending against Ms. Sharma in West Bengal. "She [Ms. Sharma] had tweeted a photograph of Bangladesh claiming it to be West Bengal... Former Union Minister the late Arun Jaitley had asked us not to take action." Ms. Banerjee added that instead of blocking roads, people should give memorandums and lodge complaints against those who made the objectionable remarks.

'Monitoring situation at Pakistan mission'

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi has also called upon the Pakistani government to ensure the safety of minorities, sending a formal protest about the attack on a Hindu temple in Karachi's Korangi area.

"We've noted a recent incident of vandalisation of a Hindu temple in Karachi. We believe it's another act of systemic persecution of religious minorities," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi at the weekly media briefing on Thursday. "We've conveyed our protest to the Pakistan government, urging them to ensure safety, security & well-being of its minority communities."

In its response to the Indian statement, the Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that a First Information Report has already been registered against the assailants and efforts are underway to identify and arrest them.

"The Government of India would be well advised to introspect and ensure the protection of the fundamental rights, lives, and places of worship of minorities across India, particularly Muslims who are facing brutal attacks from the proponents of 'Hindutva' holding on to the reins of power in the country," the Pakistan MFA said.

The MEA did not comment on reports that the government has asked for more protection for the mission. Officials said security arrangements are assessed from time to time, and revised if necessary.

Police get custody of minor boys in rape case

Through another petition on Friday, the police will seek the permission of the board to conduct potency test on the five minors and Saduddin Malik to strengthen their case of rape in the chargesheet.

A senior police officer said the police would appeal to the board to treat the minors as majors to facilitate strict enforcement of provisions of the Indian Penal Code. The idea was to leave no room to dilute the Sections for reasons of minority of age.

Also, the nature of crime was nothing short of crime committed by adults. Moreover, the minors would have turned majors when the case was pending trial.

Mohanlal to face trial in ivory case

The reasons behind the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court 3, Perumbavoor, rejecting the plea will be known only when the order is uploaded by the court online. James Mathew and A. A. Poulose, two public-spirited persons, challenged the withdrawal plea.

Petitioners' contention

Though the assistant public prosecutor (APP) contended that proceeding with the case would be a futile exercise and waste of the precious time of the court, Abraham P. Meachinkara, counsel for the petitioners, opposed the withdrawal of prosecution by arguing that it was against the provisions of law and legal precedents.

The certificate of ownership for the ivory issued to Mr. Mohanlal was void. The grant of the certificate cannot be treated as a ground for permitting withdrawal of the case. No case was charged against the actor for the 13 ivory artefacts that were found along with two pairs of elephant tusks, he argued. The Forest Department had booked him after an income tax search at his residence revealed the illegal possession of the ivory.

Section 50 of the Wild Life Protection Act prescribes imprisonment for a term not less than three years and extendable up to seven years and a fine for offences related to animals specified in Schedule One of the Act or meat of any such animals or animal article, trophy or uncured trophy derived from such animals.

INTERVIEW | CHAUDHARY JAYANT SINGH

'Need strong voices against climate of hate being spread'

The RLD chief says that during the BJP regime, terms of trade always remain against farmers and their produce

ANUJ KUMAR

In his first interview after being elected to the Rajya Sabha as a joint candidate of the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) and the Samajwadi Party, **Chaudhary Jayant Singh** *says he will bring a private member Bill on Equal Opportunity Commission and stand tall against the climate of hate.* Edited excerpts:

How do you see the Rajya Sabha membership?

■ It is a matter of greater honour and privilege. I will remain consistent to issues that I have been raising.

I firmly believe that there is an agrarian crisis that needs to be addressed. Also, we need stronger voices against the climate of hate that is being propagated. We need someone who should stand for the constitutional values and freedoms enshrined in the Constitution and protect them.

Will you raise the demand for an equal opportunity commission and caste census?

■ The government's decisions should be based on analysis and data. On the one hand, the BJP wants to enumerate outsiders but on the other, it is denying a caste census. A lot of demands for quota go to higher judiciary and there the government is told that the decision making has no basis.

One of my first tasks in Parliament will be to raise the demand for an equal opportunity or social justice commission. The core argument is that in society, there cannot be discrimination. I am working on a private member Bill to seek a constitutional, forward-looking body. The SC/ST, OBC commissions are working in a pigeon-holed manner and have been reduced to redressal platforms.

The proposed body could mandate that every company beyond a certain turnover would be required to provide data so that the consumer would also know that the product he is buying is hiring people from rural background or not. State governments are saying domicile should be the basis of quota. I don't agree with it but it shows there is resentment in the local communities of not being represented in the private sector.

What were the takeaways from farmers' agitation?

■ There were green shoots.

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One is that solidarity across a wide region was achieved and farmers expressed themselves in a vibrant manner on social media. Till the farmers' agitation, the perception was that nobody could take on the BJP on social media.

During the agitation, ordinary people and farmers became influencers and ultimately the government had to realise that the movement was correct in its core demands. We have to wait and watch for the long term impact on Indian polity.

With hindsight, how do you see the political ambition of farmer leaders and the Samyukta Kisan Morcha's stand on participation in electoral politics?

■ I respect the SKM's decision but I don't understand it. We feel that farmers are under-represented in Indian politics. Everything is not about contesting elections but if somebody in our ranks has a political ambition, it should not be considered negative.

Recently, you changed your Twitter surname to Bishnoi. Is it a political move for the coming Rajasthan polls?

■ The birth anniversary of my mother, a Bishnoi, falls in June. Also, my cousin said because of a gangster (Lawrence Bishnoi,) the entire community is being tarnished. This is the only community in the country that stands for ecological sustainability, environment and climate change. If they are feeling threatened, we should support. So, I have changed my Twitter handle for a month. More than politics, it is about providing moral leadership.

Is there a possibility to go with the BJP?

■ There is always some shared ground. We all have faith on the Constitution.

(Full interview on bit.ly/RLDSingh)

Curfew in Jammu's Bhaderwah

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU

A curfew was imposed in the Chenab valley's Bhaderwah in the Jammu region on Thursday evening after Muslims assembled at a local Jamia Mosque to protest over the remarks made by former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma recently and a social media post of a local journalist.

Protests broke out in Bhaderwah town during the shutdown called by the Anjuman Islamia during the day.

Hundreds of local people, including women, assembled at the Jamia Masjid in Bhaderwah. They threatened of "dire consequences" if the government failed to act against the accused.

"Ms. Sharma and others should be booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA) and UAPA," demanded the protesters.

India delivers 12 speed patrol boats to Vietnam

It took place during the ongoing visit of Rajnath Singh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India on Thursday formally handed over the 12 high-speed guard boats constructed under the Union government's $100-million defence Line of Credit (LoC) to Vietnam at a ceremony at the Hong Ha Shipyard during the visit of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to the Southeast Asian nation.

"I'm confident that this will be precursor to many more cooperative defence projects between India and Vietnam," Mr. Singh said at the ceremony.

Stating that this project was an example of "Make in India-Make for the World" mission, Mr. Singh said, "We would be greatly pleased if close friends like Vietnam become part of our defence industries transformation through enhanced defence industry cooperation."

Rajnath Singh with a Security Force official of Vietnam, during the handover ceremony at the Hong Ha Shipyard. • PTI

The speed boats will be operated by the Vietnamese Border Guard Force. The deal was executed by Larsen & Tourbo and of the 12 boats, five were built in India and the remaining in Vietnam with assistance from L&T.

Hanoi has procured the 12 boats under the LoC extended in September 2014. In 2016, India has extended another $500-million defence LoC to Vietnam and discussions are under way to identify the equipment.

Red Notice in Moosewala murder case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) said on Thursday that it had received the Punjab Police's proposal for issuing Interpol Red Notice against Canada-based Satinderjeet Singh, aka Goldy Brar, who claimed responsibility for the murder of singer and rapper Sidhu Moosewala a day after the incident on May 29.

Based on the proposals forwarded by the CBI, the Interpol has issued Red Notice against Brar. Another Red Notice has been opened against Harwinder Singh Sandhu for alleged involvement in attempted murder and other offences.

The proposal related to two cases registered by the Punjab police in 2020 and 2021. In both the cases, the police had got open warrants issued against Brar.

U.S. attempting to add fuel to the fire: China

Chinese Foreign Ministry calls visiting U.S. General's comment on border activity a 'despicable act'

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NEW DELHI

A day after a visiting U.S. General termed the Chinese activity level in Eastern Ladakh as "eye-opening" and infrastructure being created in their Western Theatre Command as "alarming, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) reacted sharply on Thursday saying U.S. officials were trying to add "fuel to the fire" and "pointing fingers", and termed it a "despicable act".

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) did not respond directly to the comments by Commander of U.S. Army Pacific General Charles A. Flynn, but reiterated that the Government of India "carefully monitors" developments along the border areas. Noting that the two sides have agreed to hold another round of Corps Commander talks, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said it is their "expectation" that in these talks, the Chinese side will work with the Indian side to reach a "mutually acceptable solution for remaining issues."

"This border issue is between China and India, the two sides have the will and capability to properly resolve the issue through talks and some U.S. officials are trying to add fuel to the fire and pointing fingers," Chinese MoFA Spokesperson Zhao Lijian said in response to a question at the daily briefing in Beijing. "This is a despicable act. We hope they will do more to contribute to regional peace and stability."

Mr. Zhao further stated that now the situation on the India-China border is stabilising "on the whole" and the frontline forces from both countries have "realised disengagement in most areas along the western section."

Expressing alarm at the Chinese activity, Gen. Charles A. Flynn, in an interaction with journalists on Wednesday, questioned their "intentions" while also expressing concern at their "behaviour".

Govt. taking all measures

The government is committed to, and takes all adequate and appropriate measures for, safeguarding territorial integrity and sovereignty as the developments in the recent years clearly demonstrate, Mr. Bagchi said responding to questions at the weekly press conference.

Stating that the two sides have agreed to hold another round of Senior Commanders meeting during the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) talks last week, Mr. Bagchi said, "It is our expectation that in these talks the Chinese side will work with the Indian side to reach a mutually acceptable solution for remaining issues given the fact that both sides also agree that the prolongation of the existing situation in not in the interest of either side."

On the situation in Ladakh, Mr. Bagchi said India has maintained continuous communication with the Chinese side through diplomatic and military channels.

CBI probe in 11-year-old murder case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

More than 11 years after Trinamool Congress leader Tapan Dutta was killed, the Calcutta High Court on Thursday directed the CBI to probe the murder. Tapan Dutta, then vice-president of the Trinamool Congress's Bally Jagacha block unit in Howrah district, was shot dead on May 6, 2011. He was spearheading a movement against filling a large water body when he was shot dead.

In the 56-page order, Justice Mantha said that the court's mind was not free from doubt that the murder in question might have been the result of rivalry and conspiracy.

CAA will not help us: Bangladesh leader

He says main aim of Hindu community is to have a Minority Affairs Ministry

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
DHAKA

A leading member of the Hindu community of Bangladesh has said that the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) of India will not help them deal with the challenges ahead.

Interacting with a visiting team of Indian journalists on Wednesday, Monindra Kumar Nath, president, Mohanagar Sarbojoneen Puja Committee, said that the community's real aim is to have a separate Minority Affairs Ministry and a special permanent commission for the minority religious communities.

"We do not welcome this special law from India. Such laws are not helpful. We do have certain problems like many others but we are from Bangladesh and we will remain here. No one wants to leave his or her motherland and take refuge in a neighbouring country. We will deal with whatever challenges we have by mobilising our community in a coordinated manner within our country," said Mr. Nath ,who is also the joint general secretary of the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council.

A file photo of activists during a protest in Dhaka. • REUTERS

The Sheikh Hasina government faced a major challenge last year when a communal disturbance broke out at Brahmanbaria and Comilla in the eastern part of the country and spread to Chittagong.

The phase witnessed mob attacks on Durga Puja pandals. But Mr. Nath said that the number of Durga puja celebrations in the country had in fact nearly doubled during the last 12 years, from 15,000 to 30,000. The Mahanagar Sarbojoneen Puja Committee is the central religious body of the Hindu community in Bangladesh as it grants permission to community members to hold Durga Puja celebrations across the country.

Mr. Deb acknowledged that the government had been proactive in dealing with majoritarian tendencies, though some sporadic incidents of intimidation of the minority Hindu community is reported from time to time. He said that over the years, representation of the community has also increased in Bangladesh.

The government has a Ministry of Religious Affairs. Mr. Nath argued that the issue of a separate ministry will be part of the agenda of minority communities as the country gets into election mode for next year.

IN BRIEF

J&K L-G orders probe into SI selection

SRINAGAR

Amid growing allegations of irregularities in the first ever major officer-rank recruitment in J&K since 2019, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday ordered an inquiry headed by the Additional Chief Secretary, Home. The J&K Home Department had three days ago put out the merit list of 1,200 sub-inspector aspirants who had applied last year. There were allegations from aspirants on several counts, including corruption and bias.

3 minors among 4 dead in Meghalaya landslips

GUWAHATI

Four people, including three minors, died in two different incidents of landslips in the Garo Hills region of Meghalaya early Thursday morning. Siddharth K. Ambedkar, the Superintendent of Police of South West Garo Hills district, said a woman and her two children were killed in a landslip at Jewalgre village under the Gambegre block, while a two-and-a-half-year-old child died at Samati village under the Betasingh block. According to the local authorities, at least 10 villages under the Betasingh block have been affected.

DCP's nod needed to file POCSO cases in Mumbai

MUMBAI

Flagging the issue of false cases being filed under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and child molestation, Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey has directed to file such cases only after the recommendation of an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) and with the permission of a Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP). According to the June 6 directive, it has been observed that cases under POCSO or of molestation are being filed over old rivalry, disputes over property and money or personal reasons.

ED attaches aircraft worth ₹30.91 crore

NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached a Cessna aircraft worth ₹30.91 crore of Bhushan Airways Services Private Limited (BASPL) in connection with the money laundering case involving the Bhushan Power and Steel Limited (BPSL) and others. The BASPL is controlled and owned by Sanjay Singal, the former managing director of BPSL. Earlier, the agency had attached various assets valued at ₹4,423.36 crore in the same case. The ED probe is based on an FIR registered by the CBI against the BPSL, Mr. Singal and others, alleging charges including cheating and forgery.

NCP disappointed after court denies MLAs bail

MVA to lose two votes in RS election following the decision

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MUMBAI

The Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) said here on Thursday that the special court's decision to deny voting right to the two jailed party MLAs, Anil Deshmukh and Nawab Malik, in Friday's Rajya Sabha election had disappointed it.

Nawab Malik

"Both of them are accused in different cases and have not been proven guilty as of now. Our demand was that both of them should be given the right to vote and no offence has been proven. But the court did not accept our demand and they are deprived of their right to vote," said NCP leader Jayant Patil.

With seven candidates in the fray for six seats, every vote is of importance in the election. The ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) may lose two votes following the court's decision. The MLAs have, however, approached the Bombay High Court at the time of going to press.

As per calculations, each candidate requires 42 votes to get elected to the Rajya Sabha. As a result of the death of one of its MLAs, Shiv Sena's MLA strength stands at 55 while that of the NCP is 53 and the Congress is at 44.

Based on this, three candidates of the MVA will be elected with ease. For the BJP, with its 106 MLAs and support of six others, victory of two of its candidates is certain.

Battle for sixth seat

The battle will be for the sixth seat between the Sena's Sanjay Pawar and the BJP's Dhananjay Mahadik. The NCP has already announced to transfer its extra votes to Mr. Sanjay Pawar.

The party named Prahar (two) and the Krantikari Shetkari Party (one) are part of the State government. It could get support of the Samajwadi Party (two), CPI(M) (one), Swabhimani Party (one), Peasants and Workers Party (one) and nine Independents.

Three MLAs of the Bahujan Vikas Aghadi (BVA), two from the AIMIM and a lone MLA from the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) have not yet opened their cards.

Congress MLAs return to Jaipur

Rajya Sabha polls to be held today, amid indications of a close fight for one seat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

MLAs of the Congress and Independent legislators returned here on Thursday from a resort near Udaipur where they had been sequestered since June 2 as a measure against cross-voting in the Rajya Sabha elections to be held on Friday. Polling is being held to four Rajya Sabha seats from Rajasthan.

Congress MLAs heading to Udaipur on June 2 after it became known that the RS polls will go down to the wire. • PTI

An intense fight will be on for one seat contested by media baron Subhash Chandra as an Independent with the BJP's support.

The MLAs, who arrived by a special flight, were taken straight to a luxury hotel on the outskirts of Jaipur, where they will stay overnight. With the ruling party taking all precautions to prevent horse-trading, the legislators will be taken together to the Assembly for polling.

The Opposition BJP MLAs were also staying in a hotel near Jaipur, where a mock drill was conducted for polling. Though five MLAs reportedly made a mistake in the mock polling, the BJP leaders said they would be careful during the actual process. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot told presspersons at the airport that the election results would "teach a lesson" to the BJP against horse-trading in future.

1996 incident

"The Congress is certain to win three of the four seats, but the BJP has created very wrong traditions. They had even harassed [former CM] Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, who was forced to take the MLAs to Chokhi Dhani resort," he said, recounting an incident that happened in 1996. Mr. Gehlot said the BJP's complaints to the Election Commission and the Enforcement Directorate had depicted its nervousness, as there was no basis for the charges of misuse of office and violation of the model code of conduct. "The complaint made to the ED defies logic. What do they want to prove," he asked.

A whip issued by the Bharatiya Tribal Party (BTP) to its two MLAs late on Wednesday night, asking them to abstain from voting, created confusion, as the legislators, Rajkumar Roat and Ram Prasad, have already announced their support to the candidates fielded by the Congress.

The two MLAs indicated that they would vote for the Congress despite the whip.

'Demands not met'

BTP State president Velaram Ghogra, while issuing the whip, stated that though the party had supported the Congress government during the political crisis in 2020, the demands raised for the tribal areas had not been fulfilled.

A Vacation Bench of the Rajasthan High Court on Thursday dismissed an application for a stay on the declaration of results till the disposal of writ petitions pertaining to disqualification of six MLAs who were elected on Bahaujan Samaj Party ticket in the 2018 elections and had later merged with the Congress.

Use party forum to raise issues: Nadda

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

BJP president J.P. Nadda on Thursday asked party leaders, including MPs and MLAs, not to raise demands relating to division of West Bengal in public.

Mr. Nadda said that such issues can be discussed in party forum. A number of BJP leaders including MP and MLAs have been raising the demand for creation of a State particularly for areas of north Bengal or the State's Jangalmahal region.

Hours before the party president addressed the BJP leaders in a closed door meeting, Kurseong MLA Bishnu Prasad Sharma on Thursday said that "his agenda remains creation of a separate State in north Bengal".

Division of West Bengal is an emotive issue and for decades, politics in the Darjeeling hills have been centered on the demand for creation of separate State of Gorkhaland.

Cong. leaders to march to ED office on June 13

Rahul has been summoned that day

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Congress Working Committee (CWC) members and MPs will march to the Enforcement Directorate office in Delhi on June 13, the day when former party chief Rahul Gandhi is scheduled to appear before it in an alleged money laundering case. Party workers will undertake a satyagraha in front of ED offices in their respective States.

Rahul Gandhi

Mr. Gandhi has been summoned for questioning in the *National Herald* case.

The strategy for the party's response was decided at a virtual meeting of All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretaries, leaders in charge of States and Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chiefs on Thursday.

The meeting was presided by general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal.

The AICC's Telangana incharge Manickam Tagore tweeted, "I will join & march towards @dir_ed office in Delhi. No FIR. Bogus case to malign an honest leader. 9 a.m. 13th June. Join in Delhi or join Congress satyagraha in front of ED office in your State."

Earlier, he had claimed that the ED has got instructions to "insult" Mr. Gandhi.

Both Mr. Gandhi and his mother and Congress chief Sonia Gandhi had been summoned by the ED in a money laundering case involving the *National Herald*, as the agency wants to record their statements under the criminal provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Ms. Gandhi could not appear on June 8 after testing positive for COVID-19 and has sought three or four weeks' time.

Financial irregularities

The case to investigate alleged financial irregularities under the PMLA was registered about nine months ago after a trial court took cognisance of an Income Tax Department probe carried out on the basis of a private criminal complaint filed by former BJP MP Subramanian Swamy in 2013.

Mr. Swamy had approached the court alleging that the assets of Associated Journals Limited (AJL) – that published the *National Herald* newspaper – were fraudulently acquired and transferred to Young Indian, in which Ms. Gandhi and her son owned 38% shares each.

Presidential polls to be a test of Opposition unity

Sonia deputes Kharge to reach out to parties

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

The countdown for electing the next President of India has begun with the Election Commission's announcement of the poll schedule on Thursday. This is the only opportunity for the Opposition to put up a show of unity ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election and for the Congress to keep its position as the lead Opposition party.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi has deputed Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge to reach out to the other Opposition parties. Sources said that after informal talks among them, a joint meeting of with Opposition parties will be scheduled in Delhi.

"The Congress believes in building a consensus among all Opposition parties and we shall have a common candidate who will represent the secular ethos of the like-minded parties. This contest is about putting up an alternative to the communal and regressive agenda of the BJP," Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said. CPI leader Binoy Viswam tweeted that he had received a call from Mr. Kharge. Mr. Viswam said the CPI would support a common candidate with secular credentials and a progressive outlook.

Different scenario

The 2022 Presidential elections are different in many ways, compared with the one in 2017. There have been three key changes in the past five years. One, the Aam Aadmi Party, with its recent victory in the Punjab Assembly election, has Chief Ministers in two States, at par with the Congress (Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh). The Congress has studiously kept the AAP out of the Opposition equations over the years.

Second, the Trinamool Congress, which played an able deputy to the Congress in 2017, is far more assertive after its stupendous victory in the May 2021 Assembly election in West Bengal.

Third, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), threatened by the BJP's expansion in Telangana, is now in the Opposition bloc, but does not want to be seen following the Congress. The trinity of the AAP, the Trinamool and the TRS thus make it difficult for the Congress to take the pole position in this battle. A senior Congress leader said, "At the end of the day, among the Opposition parties, we have the highest number of votes, so how can anyone say that they will build an Opposition bloc without us?"

Trinamool spokesperson and Rajya Sabha member Sukhendu Sekhar Ray said, "So far, we haven't discussed the Presidential elections. These are decisions taken at the highest level and in a day or two, our party's stand vis-a-vis the other Opposition parties will be clear."

The Shiv Sena, which in recent months has emerged the biggest cheerleader of the Congress, agreed that the Presidential election will decide the contours of the Opposition. Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, speaking to *The Hindu*, said that so far his party had been busy with the Rajya Sabha polls scheduled for Friday.

"There is no doubt that the Presidential election is crucial. It is the only test of Opposition unity ahead of the next 2024 general election," Mr. Raut said.

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Mayank to head Prasar Bharati

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Doordarshan and Doordarshan News Director-General Mayank Kumar Agrawal has been given the additional charge of Prasar Bharati CEO.

The decision to give the additional charge to the 1989-batch IIS official till further orders or regular appointment to the post, was approved by I&B Minister Anurag Thakur.

The move came after the five-year tenure of Shashi Shekhar Vempati as Prasar Bharati CEO came to an end on Wednesday.

An alumnus of the IIT, Bombay, Mr. Vempati was the youngest and first non-bureaucrat to hold the public office since its creation in 1997.

4 States asked to raise COVID vigilance

Daily tally crosses the 7,000-mark after 99 days; positivity rate breaches 2% mark after 111 days

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In view of the rising number of COVID-19 cases, the Union government on Thursday asked Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi and Karnataka to employ the five-fold strategy of test, track, treat, vaccinate and COVID-appropriate behaviour.

Health Secretary Bharat Bhushan wrote to these States to keep an eye on COVID clusters. Stating that 81% of the cases in a period of 24 hours to 8 a.m. on Thursday were from these States, the Ministry pointed to the need to follow a risk assessment-based approach on the public health responses without losing the gains made so far in the fight against the pandemic.

Timely checks: A health worker collecting the swab of a passenger at the State transport bus station in Ahmedabad on Thursday. • VIJAY SONEJI

Coronavirus infections in the country rose by 7,240 in the 24 hours, a 39% jump from the previous day's figure. The tally is crossing 7,000 after 99 days, while the daily positivity rate crossed 2% after 111 days, the Health Ministry said.

There were eight fresh fatalities (six in Kerala and one each in Delhi and Chhattisgarh), and the active cases rose by 3,641 to 32,498. The national coronavirus recovery rate was 98.71%, the Ministry said.

The daily positivity rate was 2.13%, and the weekly rate 1.31%, according to the data. The case fatality rate was 1.21%.

Maharashtra recorded 2,813 new cases, the highest in nearly four months, and one death, the State Health Department said in the evening. Mumbai reported a marginal drop with 1,702 infections, 63 fewer than the 1,765 recorded the previous day, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation said in the evening.

Delhi logged 622 fresh cases and two more deaths on Thursday, while the positivity rate rose to 3.17%, according to data shared by the city's Health Department.

(With PTI inputs)

Counselling for NEET can't go on forever: SC

Few join non-clinical courses: govt.

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday indicated that "stray" rounds of counselling to fill over 1,400 vacant seats in postgraduate medical programmes through the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test could not go on forever. The government replied said that no candidates had opted for these seats, which are mostly of non-clinical courses, despite nine rounds of counselling.

Appearing before a Vacation Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and Aniruddha Bose, Additional Solicitor-General Balbir Singh submitted that out of the 1,456 vacant seats, over 1,100 were allocated to private and 300 to government medical colleges.

"Non-clinical courses are for those who prefer an academic life. They would not be medical doctors, but would be qualified to teach subjects such as anatomy, etc. Very difficult to get such jobs. So students do not opt for these courses, though there are seats available," he said.

Mr. Singh said students did not find it feasible to enrol for expensive non-clinical courses in private colleges, which would not even guarantee them employment.

Advocate Gaurav Sharma, appearing for the National Medical Commission, said seats remained vacant in non-clinical courses every year.

The court, on Wednesday, on a petition filed by a group of doctors led by Astha Goel, senior advocate Rachna Srivastava, advocates Charu Mathur and Milind Kumar, had taken serious note of the 1,456 vacant seats. The petitioners had sought a "special stray" round of counselling to fill them. The court had said that seats could not be left vacant when the country, after a pandemic, could not afford a dearth of doctors.

After hearing the government's version that such vacant seats were an annual feature, the Bench seemed to agree that there should be a limit to the counselling process for 2021, which should not interfere with the process for 2022.

"Merely because some seats have been left vacant after eight or nine rounds of counselling, can you say you will be given admission after one-and-half years in a three-year course, compromising with the education and the health of people? Try to appreciate this is a three-year course," the court addressed the petitioners. Ms. Srivastava, however, argued that the counselling had abruptly stopped on May 7 and an RTI reply showed that there were a large number of vacant seats available in surgery, anaesthesia, and ophthalmology PG courses.

But the court indicated that students hardly had a right even after nine rounds of counselling and the passing of a year-and-a-half in a three-year course. The PG academic curriculum cannot be undone.

The court reserved the case for pronouncement of orders on Friday.

Biotech sector grew 8 fold: Modi

Major focus areas are health, agri: PM

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

India's bio-economy has grown eight-fold in the past eight years and the country was close to being among the top biotechnology countries in the world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the inauguration of the Biotech Startup Expo, 2022 here on Thursday.

Narendra Modi

"We have grown from $10 billion to $80 billion. India is not too far from reaching the league of top-10 countries in biotech's global ecosystem," he said. The Prime Minister underlined the contribution of the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council in the development of the sector.

Mr. Modi said that trust in the skill and innovation of India's information technology professionals in the world was at "new heights" and this upbeat mood was now evident in the biotech sector as well as among the biotechnology professionals of India."

According to the PM, there were five big reasons why India is being considered a land of opportunities in the field of biotech. First, its diverse population and diverse climatic zones; second, the country's talented human capital; third, ease of doing business in India; fourth, the rising demand for bio-products in India; and fifth, India's own biotech sector and its track record of success. The major focus areas for the sector are health, agriculture, energy, natural farming and bio-fortified seeds.

'IISc, Bengaluru top Indian varsity'

It ranks 155 in QS World University Rankings; 41 Indian institutions on the list

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (IISc) is the new national leader in the QS World University Rankings, 2023 released on Thursday, which also shows that all Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) improved their standing.

The latest edition of QS World University Rankings features 41 Indian universities, of which 12 improved their positions, 12 remained stable, 10 declined and seven are new entries.

The IISc ranks 155th globally, and is the global leader in the citations per faculty (CpF) indicator, which QS uses to evaluate the impact of the research produced by universities. It is the fastest rising South Asian university among the top-200 universities in the QS rankings, having climbed 31 places year on year.

The IISc is the fastest rising South Asian university. • FILE PHOTO

The IIT Bombay, which was the top Indian university in QS World University Rankings of the previous edition, is the second best Indian institution this time and climbed five places globally to reach the 172 rank.

The third best Indian university is the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IITD), followed by IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur.

O.P. Jindal Global University is the top-ranked private institute in India, and moved up from the 701-750 ranking band to 651-700, followed by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education and Amity University.

The IISc is the world's top research university, achieving a perfect score of 100/100 for CpF.

The IIT in Guwahati and Roorkee and the University of Madras are also among global top-50 research institutions. However, Indian universities struggle with teaching capacity and internationalisation. Thirty of India's 41 ranked universities have suffered declines in the faculty-student ratio indicator with only four recording improvements.

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is the best-performing local institution for the proportion of international faculty ranking 411 globally and the Amity University is the national leader for the proportion of international students, ranking 542 globally.

Chidambaram takes a jibe at Centre for EPI rejection

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) should be called "no dissonance allowed" government, former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said on Thursday after the government rejected the Environmental Performance Index.

The Centre had called the EPI "unscientific" and rejected the report that placed India at the bottom of 180 countries on the basis of 40 performance indicators across 11 category issues to evaluate countries on climate change, and environment. "NDA Government is well known as the 'no data available' government. Now it is the 'no dissonance allowed' government. That is why it rejected the Environmental Performance Index that placed India at the last place among 180 countries," he said.

Is tying the knot a way to untangle even grievous cases?

Two recent Supreme Court decisions have placed domestic stability above the punishment due to a convicted man

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Two recent decisions of the Supreme Court raise the question whether a convicted man can spare himself years of jail time by entering into what seems to be a rather opportune marriage with his victim or to a member of the victim's family.

In June, the court used its extraordinary power under Article 142 to release a man convicted of attempt to murder because he married his victim's sister while the case was still pending in the Madras High Court. The top court noted that all the people involved were living in the same locality. The parties involved had approached the court to set aside the conviction "in order to bring peace and in order to live cordially". The accused had spent just 18 months in jail.

"In the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case, particularly when there is a marriage within the families of the injured and the accused, we consider it a fit case wherein this court could exercise its power under Article 142. We, therefore, permit the parties to compound the offence," the court observed.

The second case, in May, also from Tamil Nadu, concerned a man who was convicted under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for raping his minor niece. He had later married her.

Taking note that the custom of avunculate marriage existed in Tamil Nadu, the court set aside his conviction, reasoning that it did not want to "disturb" their "marriage" and "happy family life". The court said its decision was based, again, on the "peculiar facts and circumstances of the case" and should not be used as precedent.

In both cases, the top court seems to have placed the idea of domestic stability above the punishment due to a convicted man.

The National Commission for Women has reportedly marked a 30% rise in crime against women in 2021 compared with the 2020 figure, with more than half of them against their life and dignity. The NCW had received nearly 31,000 complaints of crimes committed against women in 2021.

Last year, the SC faced a flurry of outrage when the media reported then Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde asking the lawyer of a rape accused to find out whether his client would be willing to marry the victim or risk the prospect of going to jail. The lawyer had later come back to say that his client had declined as he was already married.

A few days later, Justice Bobde (now retired) clarified that he was misquoted in the media.

On March 18, 2021, a verdict, authored by Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, had set aside a Madhya Pradesh High Court order granting bail to a suspected molester provided he visited his victim at her home and "allowed" her to tie a *rakhi* on him. In a scathing verdict, Justice Bhat had said judgments and orders continue to reflect "entrenched paternalistic and misogynistic attitudes" even after 70 years as a Republic.

"A woman cannot be herself in the society of the present day, which is an exclusively masculine society, with laws framed by men and with a judicial system that judges feminine conduct from a masculine point of view," Justice Bhat had quoted Henrik Ibsen.

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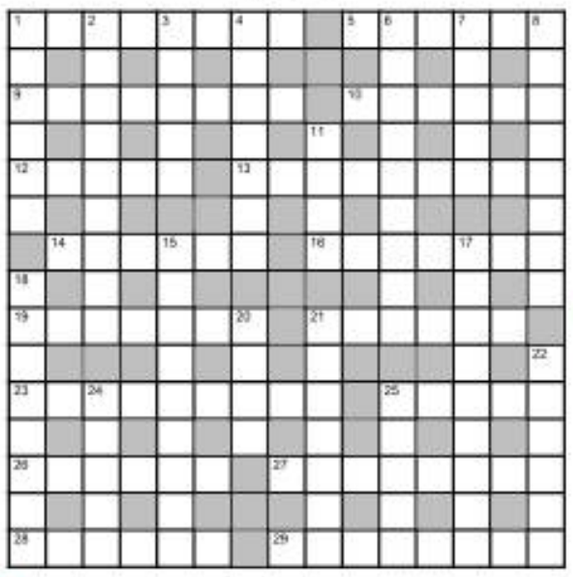

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28 Fire at home extinguished at the beginning by dog (6)
29 No dealer distributed poisonous plant (8)

DOWN

1 Medical officer had cut short work to get a hairstyle (6)
2 Dispatched independent gents with basically tense feeling (9)
3 Relative fun cleverly displayed (5)
4 Attempt at military building to capture island – do what's needed! (2,3,2)
6 Trial period for one breaking wand (9)
7 Teacher trimming tail of animal (5)
8 Pulled out former lover with care by editor (8)
11 Bid less, partly lazy (4)
15 A great appeal by leader evicted from country leads to turbulence (9)
17 Depend on eastern resort having no boundary (4,5)
18 Cops raid building on and off (8)
20 Cut primarily tall edge (4)
21 Contemptible person breaking clock's face showing numbers (7)
22 Came across oriental gold in a fiery streak (6)
24 Bird – large one leaving tree (5)
25 This is always raised above heads (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to puzzle 13578

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The eternal conflict

Sage Vyasa narrates the Devi Bhagavata Purana to Janamejaya, son of Parikshit, and Janamejaya raises many doubts over the events in Krishna avatar. As Vyasa begins to explain, he brings to focus many issues of dharma and adharma that are always in conflict, pointed out Sri K. Srinivasan in a discourse. The burden of adharma on Mother Earth is shown as the reason for Krishna avatar. To alleviate this situation, Indra, Brahma, Vishnu and others go along with her to seek the help of Goddess Devi, the essence of Yoga Maya, who alone can provide solutions to all the problems of this world. Vishnu tells them that She is the most omnipotent and also the most benevolent. He recalls the various instances when She had displayed Her supremacy.

In this context the Kenopanishad story is quoted to show that all the forces in this world serve Maha Maya. Once, when the celestial beings had a victory over the asuras, they exulted and momentarily forgot that they owed their success to the Supreme Goddess. To teach them a lesson, the Goddess first appeared before them in the form of a Yaksha and placed a blade of grass in front of Agni and Vayu. Agni was asked to burn it and Vayu to blow it. But they were unable to do so. The episode is symbolic of all human attainments as well. She thus proved the truth that all the forces in this universe, be it Agni or Vayu, who are known for their power especially in Pralaya kala, are all chaitanya swaroopa who derive their strength from Her.

Vishnu advises all those assembled to meditate on Her. She appears before them and explains the plan according to which Krishna avatar will take place. She also will be born and orders all the devas also to join in this venture to put an end to adharma and establish dharma.

'Fate of Donbas rests on battleground city'

Zelensky says western artillery that Ukraine has sought would end the fight for Severodonetsk in days

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LYSYCHANSK

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Thursday said the fate of the whole Donbas region hinges on the "very fierce" battle with Russian troops for the flashpoint eastern city of Severodonetsk.

Moscow's forces are concentrating their firepower on the strategically important industrial hub as part of efforts to capture a swathe of eastern Ukraine.

As shelling and air strikes killed another 11 people around the country, Ukraine said on Thursday that the western long-range artillery it has been begging for would end the fight for Severodonetsk in days.

In his evening address to the nation on Wednesday, Mr. Zelensky said the battle for the city was "very fierce... very difficult. Probably one of the most difficult throughout this war.

"In many ways, the fate of our Donbas is being decided there."

Heading to safety: A house on fire following a military strike in a residential area in Kharkiv on Friday. •REUTERS

Following days of raging street battles, Ukrainian officials conceded that Russian troops control a large part of Severodonetsk and that their own forces might have to pull back due to constant shelling.

The cities of Severodonetsk and Lysychansk, which are separated by a river, were the last areas still under Ukrainian control in Luhansk. Lysychansk is still in Ukrainian hands but under fierce Russian bombardment. After being repelled from Kyiv following their February 24 invasion, Russian President Vladimir Putin's troops have refocused their offensive on the Donbas region, comprising Luhansk and Donetsk.

Part of the Donbas had already been held by pro-Russian separatists since 2014.

British, Moroccan citizens sentenced to death

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BAKHMUT

Two British citizens and a Moroccan were sentenced to death on Thursday for fighting on Ukraine's side by the country's pro-Moscow rebels.

A court in the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic found the three men guilty of working toward a violent overthrow of power, an offense punishable by death in the unrecognized eastern republic.

Basil Rajapaksa resigns as MP

He had stepped down as Minister in April amid protests

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's former Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa on Thursday said he was resigning from Parliament, even as he sought to deflect blame for the country's economic crisis.

Mr. Basil stepped down from his ministerial post early in April amid public protests demanding that the Rajapaksa clan quit office, taking responsibility for the economic downturn. In May, former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa stepped down, but remains a legislator.

Basil Rajapaksa

Although he was resigning as a legislator, Mr. Basil said he would continue to be politically active in the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP, or People's Front) that he built from scratch after former President Mahinda's poll defeat in 2015. His family was "better at politics than governance," the resigning MP told reporters, adding: "India's RSS has been around for years, but they do not govern directly. The BJP has taken on that role."

In July 2021, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa appointed Mr. Basil, the youngest of the Rajapaksa brothers, as Finance Minister.

"I think I did all that I could do. But I couldn't do everything the people wanted," said Mr. Basil who, along with Mr. Gotabaya and Mr. Mahinda, has been openly attacked by demonstrators.

Lanka amends law to remove bidding for energy projects

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka on Thursday amended its electricity legislation to eliminate competitive bidding for energy projects in a move that drew sharp criticism from the Opposition.

A majority of MPs voted for the amendments to the Sri Lanka Electricity Act in the 225-member House, despite trade unions in the state-run Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) strongly resisting the move.

On Wednesday, the CEB union warned the government of an indefinite strike from midnight in protest against the new legislation, and against the government roping in India's Adani Group to execute renewable energy projects in the island without any competitive bidding process.

However, the strike action was suspended after President Gotabaya Rajapaksa agreed to meet the union leaders, besides issuing an extraordinary gazette declaring electricity an essential service.

Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekara defended the amendment saying it was "essential to the quick development" of renewable energy.

In March 2022, the Adani Group signed an agreement with the CEB for two large renewable power projects in Sri Lanka's Northern Province, to be set up at a cost of $500 million, with a capacity of generating 500 MW together. The move drew fierce criticism from Sri Lanka's main opposition party Samagi Jana Balawegaya.

Man shot dead during clashes in West Bank

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TEL AVIV

Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man during clashes in the West Bank on Thursday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, as Israeli troops continued arrest raids there.

The man has been identified as Mohammed Abu Ayhour, 27, from Halhul in the southern West Bank.

Demilitarise Aegean islands: Erdogan

Turkish President accuses Greece of violating treaties

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ANKARA

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Thursday warned Greece to demilitarise islands in the Aegean Sea, saying he was "not joking" with the admonition.

Turkey says Greece has been building a military presence in violation of treaties that guarantee the unarmed status of the Aegean islands. It argues the islands were ceded to Greece on the condition they remained demilitarized.

"We invite Greece to stop arming the islands that have non-military status and to act in accordance with international agreements," Erdogan said on the final day of military exercises taking place near Izmir, on Turkey's Aegean coast. "I'm not joking, I'm speaking seriously. This nation is determined."

History of disputes

Greece and Turkey are NATO allies, but the neighboring countries have a history of disputes over a range of issues, including mineral exploration in the eastern Mediterranean and rival claims in the Aegean Sea.

"We warn Greece to stay away from dreams and actions that it will regret, and to come to its senses," the Turkish leader continued. "Turkey won't give up on its rights in the Aegean, in the same way that it will not stand back from using its rights stemming from international agreement."

Greece maintains Turkey has deliberately misinterpreted the treaties and says it has legal grounds to defend itself following hostile actions by Ankara, including a threat of war if Greece extended its territorial waters.

Court upholds blasphemy death sentence

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LAHORE

A Pakistani High Court has upheld the death sentence of two Christian brothers convicted for uploading blasphemous content on social media in 2011.

The Lahore High Court Rawalpindi bench comprising Justice Raja Shahid Mehmood Abbasi and Justice Chaudhry Abdul Aziz on Wednesday dismissed the appeals of convicts – Qaiser Ayub and Amoon Ayub – against their sentences.

A sessions court in 2018 sentenced the two Christian brothers to death on allegation that they had insulted Prophet Mohammad and posted the blasphemous post on a website.

Thailand becomes first Asian country to legalise Marijuana

Move aimed at boosting tourism and agriculture sectors

REUTERS
BANGKOK

Thailand legalised the growing of marijuana and its consumption in food and drinks on Thursday, the first Asian country to do so, with the aim of boosting its agriculture and tourism sectors but smoking pot is still against the law.

Shoppers queued up at outlets selling cannabis-infused drinks, sweets and other items as advocates of the plant welcomed the reform in a country that has long had a reputation for strict anti-drug laws.

Among those at the front of the queue at one Bangkok shop was Rittipong Dachkul, 24, waiting since Wednesday evening to buy his first ever legal marijuana. "I took a bus here after I got off work," Mr. Rittipong said.

Customers queue up to buy cannabis in Bangkok on Friday. •REUTERS

"We're now able to find it easily, we don't have to worry about the source, but I have no idea about the quality," he said, referring to the strength of the products on offer.

Thailand, which has a tradition of using cannabis to relieve pain and fatigue, legalised medicinal marijuana in 2018.

Restriction in place

The government, banking on the plant as a cash crop, plans to give away a million plants to encourage farmers to take up its cultivation.

The possession and sale of cannabis extracts containing more than 0.2% of its psychoactive ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), is not allowed, which will mean smokers of the drug known as "pot", "weed" and a host of other names, will struggle to get "stoned".

Those who break the law can still face jail and fines.

U.S. Governor candidate held for Capitol riot

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DETROIT

Ryan Kelley, one of five Republican candidates for Michigan Governor, was arrested over misdemeanour charges on Thursday for his role in the 2021 post-election riot at the U.S. Capitol. Mr. Kelley, 40, was arrested in Michigan and awaits a court hearing in Grand Rapids, an FBI spokeswoman said.

In a court document, federal investigators filed photos of him in a baseball cap worn backward, trying to rally the pro-Donald Trump crowd.

He is accused of disruptive conduct, injuring public property and entering restricted space without permission, according to the criminal complaint.

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"e" Procurement Notice No. 05 /OCCL/2022-23 (on-line)

On-line percentage rate tender is invited for the following work:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Approx Value of work (Rs. In Crores)	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender (on-line)	Submission of Tender (on-line)
01	Execution / Removal of exposed rock from the river bed of Mahanadi near Samaleswari Ghat	OCCL-SMP/ 01 / 2022-23	Rs.4.28 Crores	03 (Three) calendar months	From 13.06.2022, 12.30 PM to 27.06.2022 5.30 PM	From 13.06.2022, 12.30 PM to 27.06.2022 5.30 PM

Procurement Officer – Managing Director, OCCL
Date of Opening of the Technical Bid : 28.06.2022, 12.00 Noon
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in
MANAGING DIRECTOR
CAD-782 OIPR-34120/11/0007/2223

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603.
FORM OF CONTRACT : LUMPSUM - ITEM RATE CONTRACT
TENDER Notice (Two cover System)
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE NO.: 14/ PBC / T.V.Malai / 2022 – 2023 / F.338 / JDO.4 / DATED : 09.06.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603, invites tender in Two cover system from eligible tenderers for the work of **"Construction of an Anicut across Cheyyar River near Vambalur Village to Feed Tatchur and Vinnamangalam Tanks in Polur Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District." (Value of Work : Rs. 1295.18 Lakhs including G.S.T)** at his office upto **03.00 p.m.** on **22.06.2022** in sealed cover. The tender will be opened at **03.30 p.m.** at his chamber on the same day.

Other information as details of Work, Value, EMD, Cost of Tender schedule, Qualification details etc., will be available in the Government website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** Any Corrections or Modifications will be published on web site only.

Superintending Engineer, WRD.,
Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 3.
DIPR/2721/Tender2022

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
CMG, SDSC - SHAR SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

Brief E-TENDER NOTICE / CORRIGENDUM-A

No:SHAR:CMG:CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-03(A)/22-23 Dt: 08.06.2022

"Painting works @ SDSC SHAR areas"(T/C-22-012, Est cost ₹32.53 Lakhs); "Miscellaneous civil works @ SMPC unit-2"(T/C-22-013, Est cost ₹11.29 Lakhs). "Construction of security cabin, Misc works @ SMPC unit-1"(T/C-22-014, Est cost ₹8.62 Lakhs);Sale period extended upto 24.06.2022.Interested tenderers may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for details.

Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/SDSC SHAR

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
No. 30, Siruvani Nagar, Bharathipark Road, Coimbatore - 641 043.

Invitation for Bids

Date :	07th June 2022
Loan No. and Title :	49107-010: IND: Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program–Tranche 3
Contract No. and Title :	**Tender Notice No : 11/2022-23** TNUIFP/CBE/06: (1) Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant of capacity 15.43 mld on DBO basis for UGSS to Added Areas namely Vadavalli and Veerakeralam Area Wards 16 to 19 (Zone V) of Coimbatore Corporation in Coimbatore District, and (2) Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant of capacity 19.49 mld on DBO basis for UGSS to Added Areas namely Kavundampalayam and Thudiyalur Area Wards 1 (Part), 2 to 9 & 43 (part) (Zone VII) of Coimbatore Corporation in Coimbatore District.
Deadline for Submission of Bids :	28th July 2022, 15:00 hours (IST)

1. The Government of India has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program–Tranche 3. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.
2. **The Chief Engineer, TWAD (Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage) Board, Coimbatore** ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the construction and completion of "**(1) Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant of capacity 15.43 mld on DBO basis for UGSS to Added Areas namely Vadavalli and Veerakeralam Area Wards 16 to 19 (Zone V) of Coimbatore Corporation in Coimbatore District, and (2) Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant of capacity 19.49 mld on DBO basis for UGSS to Added Areas namely Kavundampalayam and Thudiyalur Area Wards 1 (Part), 2 to 9 & 43 (part) (Zone VII) of Coimbatore Corporation in Coimbatore District (Period of Completion-24 months followed by 6 months Trial Run and including 10 years paid maintenance)**".
3. **National Competitive Bidding** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
   - Minimum average annual turnover of INR 78.00 Crore, calculated as total certified received payments for contracts in processor completed, within the last three (3) years.
   - Has Financial resources, less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments defined, meet or exceed the total requirement for the Subject Contract of INR 5.30 Crore.
   - Participation in at least one contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five years and that is similar to the proposed contract, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 46.00 Crore. The similarity of the Bidder's participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology, or other characteristics as described in Section 6 (Employer's Requirements).
   - Meets other Personnel and Equipment requirements as stipulated in the Bidding Document.

   Further details are indicated in the 'Section 3 – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria' of the Bidding Document.
5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact :

   THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
   TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
   No. 30, Siruvani Nagar, Bharathipark Road, Coimbatore - 641 043.
   Telephone No. : (0422) 2447734, 2448887
   E.mail : cewregion21@gmail.com
6. A pre-bid meeting shall take place on **05th July 2022 at 11.00 Hours (IST)** at the address stated above.
7. To purchase the bidding documents in English language, eligible Bidders should :
   - Visit the Office of the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Sewerage Division, Kuniyamuthur at 26, Corporation Shopping Complex, Avinashi road, Coimbatore and pay a non-refundable fee of INR 1180 towards the cost of bidding document in the form of Bank Demand Draft in favour of the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Sewerage Division, Kuniyamuthur, Coimbatore.
   - In case of written request, the document will be sent by post/courier. Bidders who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier shall have to pay an additional amount of INR 5000 for delivery within India or US$ 250 for delivery outside India. The method of payment will be through Bank Demand Draft in favour of the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Sewerage Division, Kuniyamuthur, Coimbatore. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
   - Eligible bidders may otherwise download the bidding document in English language at free of cost in the website (i) **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and (ii) **www.twadboard.gov.in.**
   - Eligible bidders who download the bidding document from above website shall inform the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Sewerage Division, Kuniyamuthur, Coimbatore in writing (and provide the contact details) at the address given above, failing which the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board shall not be responsible if the bidder does not receive clarifications and amendments, if any.
8. Bids should be submitted :
   - To the address above.
   - On or before the deadline : **28th July 2022 at 15.00 Hours (IST).**
   - Together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.
   - Electronic submission is not allowed.
9. Technical bids will be opened on **28th July 2022 at 15.30 Hours (IST)** in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend, whereas the financial bids shall remain sealed and unopened and shall be placed locked. The financial bids of only technically responsible and qualified bidders shall be opened after technical bid evaluation, whereas, the financial bids of those bidders whose technical bids are not responsive and qualified shall be returned unopened after the contract is awarded.

DIPR/ 2731 /TENDER/2022 SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS
"தொலைக் கடந்து வருவோர் நலம் நினைப்போம், எதனை யிழந்து எவரிடம் நலம்பெறுவர்"
Chief Engineer,
TWAD Board, Coimbatore

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
TENDER NOTICE No. TBM-SG-CN-2022-23-03-OT
Dated: 08.06.2022

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Tambaram invites e-tender for the following works:

Name of the Work: Provision of Electronic Interlocking Signalling arrangements at Thirunallar and Karaikal stations of Tiruchchirappalli Division in connection with gauge conversion between Peralam and Karaikal;

Cash value in : ₹ **7,96,12,642.79**; Bid Security (EMD) : ₹ **5,48,100/-**; Last Date and time of submission of e-Tender through IREPS site: **30.06.2022 upto 11:00 hrs.**; Cost of Tender Document: ₹ **NIL**; Period of Completion in month(s): **Eight (8).**

Tenderers can view full details of tender and submit their offer at the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** of Indian Railways. The supply / work is subject to GST rules applicable from time to time.

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Construction / Tambaram, Chennai-600 045
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निविदा सूचना संख्या : 03/2022-23 वृत चित्तौड़गढ़ अन्तर्गत सड़क निर्माण कार्य
क्रमांक : 428 दिनांक : 31.05.2022

मुख्यालय का नाम	:	कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत चित्तौड़गढ़
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प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि जमा कराने की प्रक्रिया	:	वित्त विभाग द्वारा जारी परिपत्र प. 6(5)/वित्त/सशिसेनि/2018 दिनांक 27.04.2020 के अनुसार ई ग्रास पर आनलाईन के माध्यम से चालान द्वारा (चौपन संलग्न) 1. प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क - 8658-00-102-16-02 निर्माण विभाग (RISL Fees) 2. निविदा शुल्क - 0075-00-800-52-01 3. धरोहर राशि - 8443-00-108-00-00 4. अतिरिक्त सुरक्षा राशि (Additional Performance Security):- वित्त विभाग की अधिसूचना जयपुर दिनांक 22.10.2021 के अनुसार निविदा में सफल निविदादाता को Additional Performance Security निगमपुवार जमा किया जाना आवश्यक होगा।
निविदा खोलने की तारीख	:	दिनांक 29.06.2022 दोपहर 01.00 बजे

UBN No.: 1. PWD2223WSOB02177, 2. PWD2223WSOB02178, 3. PWD2223WSOB02179

(आर.पी. लखावत) अधीक्षण अधिषन्ता
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क्रमांक :- 1030 दिनांक- 03/06/22

निविदा संशोधन सूचना संख्या

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 642 दिनांक 11.05.2022 द्वारा जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 03 / 2022-23 में पूर्व वर्णित तिथियां पुनः निम्नानुसार संशोधित कर बढ़ाई जाती है:-

	पूर्व में प्रकाशित तिथियां	संशोधित तिथियां
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MARKET WATCH

	09-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,320	0.78
US Dollar	77.74	-0.07
Gold	50,907	0.17
Brent oil	123.34	1.05

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	735.50	6.90
Apollo Hosp	3670.05	33.85
Asian Paints	2686.80	-18.40
Axis Bank	661.30	2.70
Bajaj Auto	3878.65	84.50
Bajaj Finserv	12471.00	6.00
Bajaj Finance	5898.55	-55.75
Bharti Airtel	676.35	13.05
BPCL	332.85	8.95
Britannia Ind	3347.25	-14.25
Cipla	971.95	9.00
Coal India	198.75	1.10
Divis Lab	3507.20	11.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4322.90	123.75
Eicher Motors	2716.00	66.85
Grasim Ind	1309.10	-19.65
HCL Tech	1028.65	-1.55
HDFC	2265.45	6.80
HDFC Bank	1377.70	10.30
HDFC Life	604.90	4.95
Hero MotoCorp	2598.10	12.15
Hindalco	399.75	-3.75
Hind Unilever	2197.70	0.65
ICICI Bank	732.75	3.25
Indusind Bank	920.30	6.60
Infosys	1515.00	15.00
ITC	270.85	2.95
Kotak Bank	1865.20	19.70
L&T	1595.10	10.55
M&M	1045.10	0.10
Maruti Suzuki	7929.85	37.40
Nestle India Ltd.	16768.15	44.40
NTPC	155.15	-1.90
ONGC	165.55	2.15
PowerGrid Corp	224.85	0.30
Reliance Ind	2798.75	74.70
SBI Life	1163.70	27.65
State Bank	466.95	-4.35
Shree Cement	19198.00	-385.75
Sun Pharma	858.85	11.60
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	754.40	-2.75
Tata Motors	428.50	-7.15
Tata Steel	1044.85	-41.90
TCS	3427.10	22.95
Tech Mahindra	1138.60	14.40
Titan	2139.70	10.85
UltraTech Cement	5481.90	-49.95
UPL	747.30	12.15
Wipro	475.05	4.65

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 09

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.57	77.89
Euro	83.13	83.48
British Pound	97.22	97.63
Japanese Yen (100)	58.18	58.43
Chinese Yuan	11.63	11.68
Swiss Franc	79.34	79.71
Singapore Dollar	56.41	56.66
Canadian Dollar	61.76	62.04
Malaysian Ringitt	17.64	17.73
Australian Dollar	55.70	55.94

Source:Indian Bank

STFC secures $250 mn 10-year loan from DFC

CHENNAI

Shriram Transport Finance Co. Ltd. (STFC) has secured a $250 million fixed rate 10-year loan from the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC).

'Rated firms have buffers to bear 10-15% rupee depreciation'

Protections include natural hedges of revenue, costs linked to the dollar: Moody's

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Moody's Investors Service on Thursday said most rated firms in India have buffers to withstand a further 10-15% depreciation of the rupee.

The rupee weakened by 6 paise to close at 77.74 against the U.S. dollar on Thursday, weighed down by elevated crude oil prices and persistent foreign capital outflows.

In a statement, Moody's said the rupee has depreciated about 4.5% in 2022.

Higher energy prices and interest rates in developed economies have led to capital outflows and rising commodity prices, pressuring the rupee.

Global hit: Higher interest rates to tame prices in developed countries have led to capital outflows, hurting the rupee. • AP

The rupee's depreciation is credit negative for companies that generate revenue in rupees but rely heavily on dollar debt to fund operations, as well as for those with significant dollar-based costs, such as raw materials and capital spending. However, the negative credit implications for rated companies will be limited.

"Most rated companies have protections to limit the effect of currency fluctuations. These include natural hedges in the form of revenue and costs denominated in or linked to the dollar, some dollar revenue and financial hedges, or a combination of these factors, which help limit the adverse effects on cash flow and leverage, even under a more severe deprecation scenario," Moody's said.

Exporters could benefit as their services or products become cheaper and therefore more competitive.

However, in the current environment, the benefit would be likely limited amid weak global demand and rising inflation, it added.

Rupee ends at 77.74/$ after record low

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated by 6 paise to close at 77.74 against the U.S. dollar on Thursday, weighed down by elevated crude oil prices and persistent foreign capital outflows.

Earlier, the rupee slid to an all-time intraday low of 77.81 against the dollar.

"Crude prices above $125 will unsettle the broad markets and volatility will increase along with fund outflows from domestic markets," said Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst at LKP Securities.

"Pressure on the rupee will increase if crude starts trading and settling above $125. Rupee can be seen in a range of 77.55-77.95 till then," he noted.

ECB gears up to raise rates to fight inflation

It plans to lift rates by 25 bps on July 21

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
AMSTERDAM

The European Central Bank on Thursday ended its bond-buying stimulus and unveiled plans for a series of interest rate increases from July, the first in more than a decade, to combat soaring inflation.

ECB governors agreed as a first step to halt their multi-billion-euro bond-buying stimulus as of July 1.

The bank then plans "to raise the key ECB interest rates by 25 basis points" at its next meeting on July 21, the ECB said. It will raise rates again in September, with the size dependent on the economic outlook.

ECB president Christine Lagarde said the bank was embarking on "a journey"

that would include "a series of moves over the course of the next months".

The last time the ECB raised rates was in 2011.

With consumer prices soaring, "the ECB officially ends its long era of unconventional monetary policy," said ING bank economist Carsten Brzeski.

Inflation in the 19-nation euro area rose to a record 8.1% in May.

'CAD likely hit a 3-year high of $43.8 bn'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

India's current account deficit is likely to have hit a three-year high of 1.8% of GDP, or $43.8 billion, in FY22 compared with a surplus of 0.9%, or $23.9 billion, in FY21, India Ratings said in a report on Thursday.

According to an assessment by the agency, the current account deficit (CAD) had moderated to $17.3 billion, or 1.96% of GDP, in the fourth quarter of FY22 as against ₹8.2 billion, or 1.03%, a year earlier, and significantly lower than the $23.02 billion, or 2.74%, seen in Q3, which was a 13-quarter high. Goods exports rose 42.4% in FY22 after contracting 7.5% in pandemic-hit FY21.

Vistara eyes Mumbai as hub to expand base

Carrier to increase flights to West Asia

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Tata SIA Airlines Ltd., which operates as Vistara, plans to expand its network from Mumbai, having established operations with Delhi as its hub over the last 7 years.

The full-service airline currently operates more than 50 daily flights and five international flights from Mumbai. This number is expected to rise when more aircraft join the fleet.

"Mumbai is of high strategic importance for Vistara and is the second-biggest hub for us after Delhi," said Vinod Kannan, CEO, Vistara. "We have already increased daily departures from 38 to 50 from Mumbai since the pandemic. It has also helped us in developing

a dense feeder network enabling convenient international connections for our customers."

Global destinations served from Mumbai include Singapore, Male and Dubai, while service to Jeddah will start from August 2.

Vistara is also planning to enhance its international operations from Mumbai, mainly to countries in the Gulf where yields are better.

HDFC raises home loan rate by 50 bps

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd. increased its Retail Prime Lending Rate (RPLR) on housing loans – on which its Adjustable Rate Home Loans (ARHL) are benchmarked – by 50 basis points (bps). This comes a day after the Reserve Bank of India increased the benchmark lending rate by 50 bps.

The new rate will come into effect from June 10, HDFC said in a statement.

Now home loan rates start from 7.55% at HDFC.

Before this, the lender had raised rates by 40 bps starting April 1, 2022. Despite the total increase of 90 bps, home loan rates are 45-60 bps below the pre-pandemic rates.

Volkswagen to test EV ID.4 in India this year

Planning three-stage process: Gupta

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

German automaker Volkswagen said it would begin testing its electric vehicle ID.4 in India this year as a precursor to driving into the country "limited volumes" of the fully electric SUV.

The firm is also seeking to more than double its sales in India in 2022, from about 26,000 units in 2021, Ashish Gupta, brand director, Volkswagen Passenger Cars India, told *The Hindu*.

He added that the electrification journey would happen in stages.

"Our plan is to bring some products from our global portfolio in limited volumes into India. Towards that, we are bringing in ID.4 into the country this year

Ashish Gupta

for testing purposes."

The firm would then bring limited volumes via the fully-built-unit route, move towards local assembly and then to full localisation in the second half of this decade, he added. The company unveiled mid-sized sedan 'Virtus' in India on Thursday starting at ₹11.21 lakh (ex-showroom).

Griffin, Akasa ally for aircraft sale, leaseback

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Aircraft leasing company Griffin Global Asset Management on Thursday announced an agreement with Akasa Air for purchase and leaseback of five Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

Akasa Air has placed a firm order of 72 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. Under a sale-leaseback arrangement, the aircraft owner sells the aircraft to the lessor, who then immediately leases the aircraft to the original owner. The tie-up allows airlines to maintain liquidity.

Akasa Air aims to take delivery of its first aircraft later this month and begin services next month after receiving an air operator permit from the DGCA.

LIVE TELECAST

KIYG 2022: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.50 a.m. & 3 p.m. onwards
F1 Azerbaijan GP: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, Practice, 4.30 p.m.
FIH Pro League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.
UEFA Nations League: Sony Ten 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 9.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bale was offered to play for Getafe

MADRID

The agent of Gareth Bale offered the Wales forward to play for Getafe next season, the Spanish club's president said. Angel Torres, however, did not elaborate on the offer or mention Bale's agent by name. AP

Pranavi in lead

BENGALURU

Pranavi Urs grabbed an eight-stroke lead at the end of the second round of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour 2022-Leg 7 at Prestige Golfshire here on Thursday. The 18-year-old Mysuru golfer, who has two wins this season, added a six-under 66 to her first round card of 67.
The scores (top five): 133: Pranavi Urs (67, 66); 141: Jahanvi Bakshi (72, 69); 142: Asmitha Sathish (70, 72); 143: Vidhatri Urs (71, 72); 144: Siddhi Kapoor (72, 72).

Ponting back in Big Bash in off-field role

SYDNEY

Australian cricket great and current Delhi Capitals coach Ricky Ponting on Thursday signed a three-year deal as head of strategy for the Tasmanian Hurricanes in Australia's Big Bash League. The Hurricanes have never won the domestic T20 competition in their 11-year history. AFP

INMRC Rolon round this weekend

Event returns after three years; TVS, Honda, KTM and Yamaha will battle it out

MOTORSPORTS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

After a three-year break, the MRF-MMSCI FMSCI Indian National Racing Championship (INMRC) returns to the Kari Motor Speedway here this weekend.

The five-round championship, which begins on Friday with free practice and a few qualifying sessions, promises to be a thriller as the country's top riders will be seen in action.

Several of these riders have had the international experience and, obviously, that's going to add to the thrill. Two-wheeler manufacturers such as TVS, Honda, KTM and Yamaha will battle it out for honours.

The entries have also crossed the 200-mark, which comes as no surprise given the quality of the event.

Ready to roll: Expect an action-packed Rolon round at the Kari Motor Speedway. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The weekend card includes the National championship comprising four categories - Pro-Stock 301-400cc and 165cc, Novice (Stock 165cc) and Girls (Stock 165cc) - while Petronas TVS One-Make Championship (301-400cc Open, Rookie, Girls and Media) and Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R, CBR 150 and Hornet 2.0) are also part of the programme. A new addition is the Stock 301-400cc category which will be run as a support race.

"It's great to be back here after a three-year break due to the pandemic. We are overwhelmed by the tremendous response for the Rolon round and that should dish out high quality and exciting races," said Ajit Thomas, the MMSC Head.

Headline acts

The two Pro-Stock categories will headline the weekend as line-ups include stars such as Rajini Krishnan (301-400cc, RACR Castrol Power) and Jagan Kumar (165cc, Petronas TVS Racing).

Both had notched their tenth National titles last season. The Novice category (under-23) boasts of a massive grid of 32 riders selected from 35 entrants.

It will throw up a new champion who, though, will have to earn the title considering the highly competitive field comprising riders who are keen to annex their maiden National crown.

Twenty races will be held during the weekend so, expect plenty of action and more.

TVS Srichakra extends collaboration

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

TVS Srichakra Ltd., one of India's leading manufacturers of two and three-wheeler and off-highway tyres, will power the Petronas TVS One Make Championship as technical partner for the fourth year in a row.

The partnership entails a strategic collaboration between Eurogrip and Apache brands. All bikes in the event will race with custom designed TVS Eurogrip tyres. The first racing event of the year is scheduled on Friday at Coimbatore, followed by four rounds in Chennai.

The 2022 edition will see Protorq Extreme (Zero Degree Steel Belt Radial tyres) and Remora performing on the Apache RR 310 and Apache RTR 200 motorbikes.

Belgium roars back to rout Poland

Dutch stay ahead with win against Wales

NATIONS LEAGUE

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BELGIUM

So much for Belgium not caring about the Nations League.

By coming from behind to rout Poland 6-1 on Wednesday, Belgium's players gave an emphatic riposte to those questioning the team's commitment to the competition at the end of a long season and, in particular, after a 4-1 loss to the Netherlands on Friday.

Belgium coach Roberto Martinez had been quick to dismiss accusations of his players lacking desire, and they backed up that support by recovering from going behind to Robert Lewandowski's 76th goal for Poland. Only two European players – Cristiano Ronaldo (117) and Ferenc Puskas (84) – have scored more in men's internationals.

Axel Witsel launched Belgium's comeback with the equaliser in the 42nd, Kevin De Bruyne added a second in the 59th, before a double from Leandro Trossard – in the 73rd and 80th – a long-range effort from Leander Dendoncker in the 83rd and a first international goal by Lois Openda to wrap up the win in Brussels.

The Netherlands stayed in front in the group, though, by scoring in the fourth minute of stoppage time through Wout Weghorst's diving header to beat Wales 2-1.

Wales, which qualified for the World Cup last weekend for the first time in 64 years, had equalised two minutes earlier after falling behind to Teun Koopmeiners' 50th-minute strike from the edge of the area.

Ukraine coach Oleksandr Petrakov made 10 changes to his team – that lost to Wales in a World Cup qualificatin playoff – for a Group B game at Ireland, and going with fresh legs paid off in a 1-0 win in Dublin.

The results: League A: Group 4: Belgium 6 (Witsel 42, De Bruyne 59, Trossard 73, 80, Dendoncker 83, Openda 90+3) bt Poland 1 (Lewandowski 28); Wales 1 (Norrington-Davies 90+2) lost to the Netherlands 2 (Koopmeiners 50, Weghorst 90+4).

League B: Group 1: Republic of Ireland 0 lost to Ukraine 1 (Tsygankov 47); Scotland 2 (Ralston 28, McKenna 40) bt Armenia 0.

On target: Witsel fires in Belgium's first past the Polish defence. • AFP

Balaji and Jeevan enter the semifinals

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan beat Peter Nad and Peter Benjamin Privara 7-6(2), 6-1 to reach the doubles semifinals of the €67,960 Challenger tennis tournament in Bratislava, Slovakia, on Thursday.

In the $25,000 ITF women's event in Thailand, Ankita Raina beat Erika Sema of Japan 6-4, 7-5 to reach the quarterfinals.

She was joined by Rutuja Bhosale who beat Naho Sato of Japan 6-3, 6-1.

The results:

€134,920 Challenger, Perugia, Italy: Doubles (quarterfinals): Sadio Doumbia & Fabien Reboul (Fra) bt Michael Geerts (Bel) & Arjun Kadhe 6-4, 6-2.

Pre-quarterfinals: Geerts & Kadhe bt Alessio De Bernardis & Francesco Passaro (Ita) 6-3, 6-2.

€134,920 Challenger, Nottingham, UK: Doubles (quarterfinals): Arthur Fery & Felix Gill (GBR) bt John-Patrick Smith (Aus) & Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-4, 7-5.

Pre-quarterfinals: Artem Sitak (Nzl) & Divij Sharan bt Jamie Cerretani (US) & Purav Raja 6-4, 4-6, [10-6].

€67,960 Challenger, Bratislava, Slovakia: Doubles (quarterfinals): Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan bt Peter Nad & Peter Benjamin Privara (Svk) 7-6(2), 6-1.

Pre-quarterfinals: Balaji & Jeevan bt Daniel Dutra Da Silva (Bra) & Courtney John Lock (Zim) 6-3, 7-6(7); Alexander Erler & Lucas Miedler (Aut) bt Evgeny Karlovskiy & Saketh Myneni 6-3, 3-6, [10-4].

$25,000 ITF men, Chiang Rai, Thailand: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Yusuke Takahashi (Jpn) bt Manish Sureshkumar 7-5, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF men, San Diego, USA: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Jordan Chiu & Ishaan Ravichander (US) bt Michael Shabaz (US) & Sathi Reddy Chirala 6-2, 6-3.

Yuta Kikuchi (Jpn) & Siddhant Banthia bt Kalman Boyd (US) & Hillel Rousseau (Hai) 6-4, 6-2; Ajeet Rai (Nzl) & Duarte Vale (Por) bt Ivan Thamma (US) & Sacchitt Sharrma 7-6 (2), 7-5.

$15,000 ITF men, Tay Ninh, Vietnam: Singles (pe-quarterfinals): SD Prajwal DEv bt Callum Puttergill (Aus) 6-1, 7-6(2); Ryota Tanuma (Jpn) bt Dhakshineswar Suresh 7-6(5), 6-3.

Doubles (quarterfinals): Park Uisung & Son Ji Hoon (Kor) bt Rishi Reddy & Dhakshineswar Suresh 6-3, 4-6, [10-6].

$25,000 ITF women, Madrid, Spain: Doubles (semifinals): Jacqueline Cabaj Awad (Swe) & Valeria Savinykh bt Nina Ugrelidze (US) & Vasanti Shinde 6-2, 6-3.

$25,000 ITF women, Chiang Rai, Thailand: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Rutuja Bhosale bt Naho Sato (Jpn) 6-3, 6-1; Gao Xinyu (Chn) bt Karman Kaur Thandi 6-4, 6-3.

Momoko Kobori (Jpn) bt Vaidehi Chaudhari 6-1, 6-0; Ankita Raina bt Erika Sema (Jpn) 6-4, 7-5.

Doubles (quarterfinals): Erika Sema (Jpn) & Rutuja Bhosale bt Anastasiya Poplavska (Ukr) & Riya Bhatia 6-3, 6-4.

$25,000 ITF women, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Ho Ching Wu (Hkg) bt Sharmada Balu 6-2, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (quarterfinals): Abigail Amos (GBR) & Arabella Koller (Aut) bt I-Hsuan Cho (Tpe) & Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-1, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF women, Banja Luka, Bosnia & Herzegovina: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Beatrice Ricci (Ita) & Saumya Vig bt Victoria Borodulina & Sara Mikaca (BIH) 7-5, 2-6, [10-8].

$15,000 ITF women, San Diego, USA: Singles (first round): Katherine Hui (US) bt Prathyusha Rachapudi 7-5, 7-6 (7).

Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Ekaterina Biakina & Prathyusha Rachapudi bt Alyssa Ahn & Ayanna Shah (US) 3-6, 7-5, [10-2].

Van der Dussen, Miller star in South Africa's highest successful chase

Their 131-run unbroken partnership for the fourth wicket flattens India as the visitors go 1-0 up; Kishan's 48-ball 76 goes in vain for the hosts

SA IN INDIA

RAKESH RAO
NEW DELHI

When South Africa stared at India's 211 for four, only 18 times in T20Is had teams chased down targets of 200 or more.

On Thursday, before the packed stands of Ferozeshah Kotla ground, David Miller and Rassie van der Dussen raised a match-winning stand of 131 and made it the 19th occasion by pulling off the sixth highest run-chase and South Africa's biggest.

South Africa's chase picked up momentum when the dangerous Miller and van der Dussen collected 33 runs in two overs – from Harshal Patel and Axar Patel – to make it 125 for three after 13 overs and never looked back.

Needing 64 off 30 deliveries, decisive blows followed when 22 runs came off successive overs from Harshal and Bhuveshwar Kumar and soon, South Africa was over the line with seven wickets and five deliveries to spare.

If India slipped at the threshold of a world-record setting 13th straight victory, it was due to the bowlers' failure to rise to the challenge.

After Shreyas Iyer dropped a regulation catch of van der Dussen when on 29, the batter smashed his next 46 runs off just 15 balls to remain unbeaten on 75. In contrast, after a 22-ball 50, Miller steadied himself for an unbeaten 64.

Earlier, India raced to 211, thanks to Ishan Kishan's calculated assault, the measured strokeplay from Shreyas Iyer and the late flourish from Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya, who added 46 off 18 balls.

Kishan impressed as he grew in confidence to finish with 76 off 48 deliveries. The left-hander, after hitting three sixes and 11 fours, holed out in the 13th over.

A delivery after a review saved him from a caught-behind decision, Kishan failed to clear long-off. This was similar to the way his opening partner Ruturaj Gaikwad fell. A delivery after a shot from Ruturaj burst through the reverse cup of Pretorius and cleared the ropes, a mishit was easily taken by Bavuma at mid-wicket.

Shreyas produced a 27-ball 36 but the momentum was expectedly provided by the flamboyant duo of Pant and Hardik. Pant, who lost his balance and tripped more than once during his flashy innings, kept the scoreboard ticking with two sixes and as many fours.

But it was Hardik who came up with some wristy shots to send the ball past the mid-wicket boundary more than once.

Hardik carried on with his IPL form during his unbeaten 12-ball 31, a well-timed six off Anrich Nortje being the pick. In all, India's batting came good against a quality attack. If 51 runs came in the PowerPlay, another 51 followed off the next four. The next five produced 48 and the last five, 61. The total of 211 wasn't enough once Miller and van der Dussen got going.

The sizzlers: Van der Dussen and Miller pulverised the Indian attack to help South Africa post a comfortable win. • R.V. MOORTHY

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
Ishan Kishan c Stubbs b Maharaj 76 *(48b, 11x4, 3x6)*, Ruturaj Gaikwad c Bavuma b Parnell 23 *(15b, 3x6)*, Shreyas Iyer b Pretorius 36 *(27b, 1x4, 3x6)*, Rishabh Pant c van der Dussen b Nortje 29 *(16b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Hardik Pandya (not out) 31 *(12b, 2x4, 3x6)*, Dinesh Karthik (not out) 1 *(2b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-2, w-12): 15; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 211.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-57 (Ruturaj, 6.2 overs), 2-137 (Kishan, 12.6), 3-156 (Shreyas, 16.1), 4-202 (Pant, 19.1).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING
Maharaj 3-0-43-1, Rabada 4-0-35-0, Nortje 4-0-36-1, Parnell 4-0-32-1, Shamsi 2-0-27-0, Pretorius 3-0-35-1.

SOUTH AFRICA
Quinton de Kock c Kishan b Axar 22 *(18b, 3x4)*, Temba Bavuma c Pant b Bhuvneshwar 10 *(8b, 2x4)*, Dwaine Pretorius b Harshal 29 *(13b, 1x4, 4x6)*, Rassie van der Dussen (not out) 75 *(46b, 7x4, 5x6)*, David Miller (not out) 64 *(31b, 4x4, 5x6)*; Extras (lb-7, w-4, nb-1): 12; Total (for three wkts. in 19.1 overs): 212.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-22 (Bavuma, 2.2), 2-61 (Pretorius, 5.2), 3-81 (de Kock, 8.4).

INDIA BOWLING
Bhuvneshwar 4-0-43-1, Avesh 4-0-35-0, Chahal 2.1-0-26-0, Hardik 1-0-18-0, Harshal 4-0-43-1, Axar 4-0-40-1.

Toss: South Africa; **MoM:** Miller.

South Africa won by seven wkts. with five balls to spare to take a 1-0 lead in five-match series.

Second T20I: June 12, Cuttack, 7 p.m.

Innings scan

INDIA		SOUTH AFRICA
45	Dots	40
16	Fours	17
14	Sixes	14
51/0	PP	61/2
10.55	RR	11.06

ICC congratulates 'all-time great' Mithali

ANI
NEW DELHI

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has congratulated India legend Mithali Raj for an outstanding 23-year international career during which she broke several records.

The 39-year-old middle-order batter, who announced her retirement from all international cricket on Wednesday, led India in this year's ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in New Zealand. She had retired from T20Is in September 2019.

ICC Chief Executive Geoff Allardice said: "Mithali is one of the all-time greats of the game. Over the past 23 years, many young girls and boys will have been inspired to take up the sport after watching her. Mithali has played a huge role in raising the profile of women's cricket during a crucial period of its growth and I sincerely hope she will stay involved with the game in the coming years. On behalf of the ICC, I congratulate her for a fantastic career."

Mithali... a 'fantastic career'. • FILE PHOTO

Fit Leach figures in unchanged England XI

Stokes' men will look to seal the series in the second Test starting today

NZ IN ENGLAND

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

England left-arm spinner Jack Leach has kept his place in an unchanged England XI for the second Test against New Zealand at Nottingham's Trent Bridge starting on Friday after being passed fit following concussion.

Leach missed the majority of England's five-wicket win in the series opener at Lord's after falling on his head while saving a boundary on the first morning at the 'Home of Cricket'.

England will aim to carry on from where they left off under their new leadership duo of captain Ben Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum, the former New Zealand skipper and will be keen to seal the series.

England is 1-0 up in this three-match series after a five-wicket victory over New Zealand at Lord's last week gave England just its second win in 18 matches at this level.

Now Stuart Broad wants to gee up the crowd at Trent Bridge, his home ground, just as he did in changing the momentum at Lord's when New Zealand lost three wickets in three balls to spark a collapse of six for 34 on the third day.

"I know that's when I'm at my best... I need to take that into Trent Bridge, because if I get that Nottingham roar, with the party mode the Forest fans are in, it could have a huge benefit."

The 35-year-old Nottinghamshire seamer is, however, well aware of the risks of such an approach: "If you whip the crowd up, then bowl a half-volley and go for four you look daft. But I quite like that pressure."

The teams:

England: Alex Lees, Zak Crawley, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Jonny Bairstow, Ben Stokes (Capt.), Ben Foakes (wk), Matthew Potts, Jack Leach, Stuart Broad and James Anderson.

New Zealand (likely): Tom Latham, Will Young, Kane Williamson (Capt.), Devon Conway, Henry Nicholls, Daryl Mitchell, Tom Blundell (wk), Kyle Jamieson, Tim Southee, Neil Wagner, Trent Boult.

Back in business: Leach has been passed fit after suffering a concussion in the first Test. • GETTY IMAGES

Lakshya cruises, Sindhu overcomes Tunjung

In control: Lakshya got past Gemke in straight games. • REUTERS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAKARTA

P.V. Sindhu and Lakshya Sen progressed to the quarterfinals of the Indonesia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament with contrasting wins here on Thursday.

World No. 9 Lakshya registered a 21-18, 21-15 win over World No. 13 Rasmus Gemke of Denmark in 54 minutes in men's singles, while Sindhu was made to toil hard for over an hour by Gregoria Mariska Tunjung of Indonesia before winning 23-21, 20-22, 21-11 in the second round.

In mixed doubles, Ashwini Ponnappa and B. Sumeeth Reddy lost to the Chinese second seeds Chinese Zheng Si Wei and Huang Ya Qiong 18-21, 13-21 in their pre-quarterfinal match.

Narwal, Singhraj and Akash win silver

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Tokyo Paralympic gold medallist Manish Narwal settled for a silver in the P4 mixed 50m pistol SH1 team event of the World Para Shooting World Cup in Chateauroux, France, on Thursday.

A day after winning the 10m mixed team gold, the 20-year-old Narwal, who took the P4 mixed 50m pistol SH1 gold with a Paralympic record in his debut Games, teamed up with Singhraj, also a Paralympic medallist, and Akash to finish with a total of 1581.

China (1628) took the gold and Turkey (1565) the bronze.

The top Indian shooters, however, faltered in the individual event with Akash being the only Indian to qualify for the P4 mixed 50m pistol SH1 finals.

He ended fifth with a score of 159.4.

China's Yang Chao took the gold with a total of 223.9, followed by compatriot Huang Xing (218.5) and Uzbekistan's Ibragimov Server (200.7).

Failing to make it

Singhraj and Narwal were ninth and 10th in the qualification round. Only the top eight qualified for the final round.

Tatum and Brown drive Celtics' convincing win

Host takes 2-1 lead over Warriors

Leading the charge: Brown top-scored for Celtics in their first home game of the Finals. • AP

NBA FINALS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BOSTON

Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown combined for 53 points as Boston Celtics outmuscled Golden State Warriors 116-100 to take a 2-1 lead in the NBA Finals on Wednesday.

Boston, bullied by the Warriors in a game two blowout in San Francisco on Sunday, bounced back with a dominant physical performance to regain the initiative in the best-of-seven series in a pulsating clash at the Celtics' TD Garden.

Brown led Boston scoring with 27 points, while Tatum had 26 points and Marcus Smart 24 as the Celtics moved to within two wins of a record 18th NBA crown.

Stephen Curry led Golden State with 31 points while Klay Thompson rediscovered his scoring touch with 25, but it was not enough for Steve Kerr's side.

Comeback thwarted

It looked as if a Warriors comeback was on the cards after a Curry three-pointer late in the third quarter gave Golden State their first lead since the opening seconds of the game at 83-82.

But Boston refused to buckle and regained the initiative to lead by four points heading into the final quarter.

Celtics then surged clear with a 9-2 run at the start of the fourth to jump out to an 11-point lead before closing out a deserved victory.

The result: Boston Celtics 116 (Brown 27, Tatum 26, Smart 24) bt Golden State Warriors 100 (Curry 31, Thompson 25, Wiggins 18). *Celtics lead 2-1.*

Ramita strikes improbable gold in air rifle

KIYG

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

Ramita Jindal usurped the air rifle gold from Devanshi Katara in the Khelo India Youth Games at the Dr. Karni Singh Range here on Thursday.

It was a fitting climax to the shooting competition, as Ramita, the World Championship junior bronze medallist, came up with five incredible shots when Devanshi was on the door step of victory.

Ramita recovered from the brink of defeat at 8-14, with a tied shot, that made it 9-15.

With Devanshi needing one point for victory, Ramita shot 10.7, 10.8, 10.7 and 10.5 to sail to an improbable victory, with every better shot fetching her two points. Devanshi did not shoot badly, only that her shots of 10.5, 10.4, 10.2 and 10.4 in that order, proved inferior in comparison.

The 18-year-old Ramita had done well to top the second stage and qualify for the gold match, 0.3 point better than Devanshi. The latter was 0.4 point behind Ramita in the first stage of qualification.

There was pressure on Ramita as it was Devanshi who released the shot first every time in the gold duel, but Ramita executed a remarkable series in which all her 16 shots were 10 or more. It was another gold for Haryana, while Devanshi fetched silver for Rajasthan. Harshita Garg won the bronze for Haryana.

The results: Youth women's air rifle: 1. Ramita Jindal 17 (260.0) 624.8; 2. Devanshi Katara 15 (259.7) 624.4; 3. Harshita Garg 258.8 (625.2).

Podium finish: Devanshi Katara, champion Ramita Jindal and Harshita Garg, the air rifle medallists on Thursday. • KAMESH SRINIVASAN

National inter-State meet from today

ATHLETICS

K. KEERTHIVASAN
CHENNAI

There are quite a few slots to be filled and there is not much time left. So far, 27 Indian athletes from four disciplines have made the cut for the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games (July 28 to August 8) while around 11 have made the grade for the Oregon World championships (July 15 to 24).

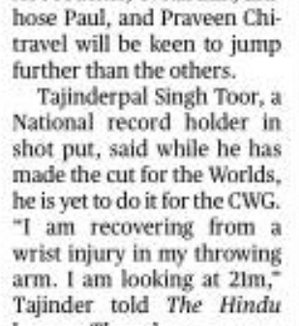
The five-day SNJ-61st National Inter-State athletics championships beginning here on Friday, will provide the other remaining athletes one last chance to book their tickets to the two events and the qualified ones to show they are a cut above the rest.

All the major Indian stars barring Neeraj Chopra, Seema Punia and Avinash Sable will be participating in the meet.

Olympic gold medallist in javelin throw Neeraj will be taking part in the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland while meet record holder in women's discus Seema, men's 3000m steeplechase National record holder Sable, will be in the USA.

The 2018 Asian Games 400mH silver medallist A. Dharun is reportedly suffering from fever, but is keen to run.

There are quite a few battles that would provide excitement. The one between Murali Sreeshankar and Jeswin Aldrin in the men's long jump will be the most awaited.



Toor. • FILE PHOTO

In the women's 100m, Dutee Chand will be the star attraction while in the 200m a good fight is expected between Hima Das, Priya H. Mohan and S. Dhanalakshmi. Priya will have it tough in the 400m with V. Subha, Summy, and Jisna Mathew in the fray.

Meanwhile, Aishwarya Mishra's name has been included in the 400m revised entry list released on Thursday.

Meanwhile Adbullah Aboobacker, U. Karthik, Eldhose Paul, and Praveen Chitravel will be keen to jump further than the others.

Tajinderpal Singh Toor, a National record holder in shot put, said while he has made the cut for the Worlds, he is yet to do it for the CWG. "I am recovering from a wrist injury in my throwing arm. I am looking at 21m," Tajinder told *The Hindu* here on Thursday.

IN BRIEF

Record-setting Azam trumps West Indies

MULTAN (PAKISTAN)

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam became the first batter to knock three successive ODI hundreds twice as he anchored a five-wicket win over the West Indies in Multan on Wednesday. Azam cracked a brilliant 107-ball 103 to help Pakistan overhaul a tough 306-run target in 49.2 overs.

The scores: West Indies 305/8 in 50 overs lost to Pakistan 306/5 in 49.2 overs (Imam-ul-Haq 65, Babar Azam 103, Mohammad Rizwan 59, Khushdil Shah 41 n.o.).

Afghans complete ODI sweep of Zimbabwe

HARARE

Afghanistan completed a 3-0 whitewash of Zimbabwe on Thursday in an ODI series, but made heavy weather of chasing a modest target.

Brief scores: Zimbabwe 135 in 44.5 overs (Sikandar Raza 38, Rashid Khan 3/31) lost to Afghanistan 137/6 in 37.4 overs (Hashmatullah Shahidi 38, Mohammad Nabi 34 n.o.).

Blatter, Platini reiterate innocence in court

BELLINZONA

Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini strongly reiterated their innocence when they were questioned on day two of their criminal trial on charges of defrauding FIFA at the start of Thursday's session at the Federal Criminal Court of Switzerland. AP

Time to hit the clubs

:: MINI ANTHIKAD CHHIBBER

Post pandemic, pubs seem to walk the line between exclusivity and inclusivity.

So, 10, the newest kid on the F&B block is modelled on a speakeasy, with a secret entry through the posh *paan* shop on Wood Street.

While I entered through a narrow doorway with an industrial décor, I was not prepared for the cavernous multi-layered space that is 10. I felt a bit like Alice and the prints of what look like John Tenniel's illustrations from *Alice in Wonderland* reinforces that feeling of six impossible things before breakfast.

All that glitters

The glittering chandeliers and comfortable armchairs all make you imagine it being the den of Scarface or Al Capone. It could also be a home away from home for Rocky *Bhai* thanks to the gold accents. The bar takes pride of place with shiny bottles just begging to be tasted.

While the bar offers a nice photo op, there is a glitzy landing that will do just as well.

Bengalureans have gone offline with a vengeance thanks to an army of new, social media-ready watering holes

Drink me

As a concept can only take one so far, 10 offers drinks by cocktail king, Yangdup Lama. As far as food goes while the old faithful, global cuisine, is trotted out, with tapas, sushi, or the Bangalore roll that would go well a glass of No Name (vodka, vermouth, raspberry, thyme, egg white).

There are also cool Peruvian Japanese options. Ceviche anyone?

Music is soft and keeping with the speakeasy theme, is mostly jazz.

Roaring 20s

Speaking of jazz, there is Gatsby on Bannerghatta Road. Inspired according to the owner, Likhith Reddy, by Baz Luhrmann's *The Great Gatsby*, the bar is spread over 28,000 square feet. The front is impressive and immediately transports you to the world of F Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 novel, Long Island and the Roaring Twenties with its Art Deco leanings. With three levels, a dedicated gin bar, private dining rooms, and tons of cosy nooks to find one's personal Daisy Buchanan, Gatsby gives one the option of chilling out or firing up.

As with 10, Gatsby also has its stash of photo-ready backdrops from the vertiginous bar and lofty ceilings to glorious sun roof.

Chef Dinesh Sharma whips up pan Asian delicacies that had me wishing for another stomach just to try out all the lovelies trotting out of the kitchen even as Manoj is setting the bar spinning with his signature cocktails.

Love and war

Also on Bannerghatta Road is Inanna Taproom. The name, according to owner Nirav Rajani is inspired by the Sumerian goddess of love. According to the university of Wikipedia, she is also the goddess of political power, justice and war – but never mind.

Being in the House of Hiranandani premises, Inanna Taproom has that exclusive-inclusive vibe.

Picture this For a good time and photos to prove it happened, here are some options • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

There is a feeling of space thanks to the Hulimavu Lake. Inanna offers handcrafted beers and imaginatively named cocktails. The mixologists, Avinash Kapoli and Tejeshwara have created cocktails out of apple peel, tea, tonic and Scotch... Chefs Sombir Choudhary and Shreyas Bhat take care of the food side story with a twist. From three textures of chicken *tikka* and *puliogre*-dusted squid rings to chilli cheese and corn *kulcha*, all are a good way of preparing an absorbent cushion for the alcohol.

Sight and sound

Do you have a tiresome friend who waxes eloquent over the warm sound of vinyl as opposed to the antiseptic sound of streaming music? If it is the same friend who prefers carving on stone to email, who you love deeply nevertheless, you could haul them off to the Record Room on Magrath Road. The vinyl and craft beer bar has over 200 records including Pink Floyd's *Atom Heart Mother* and Deep Purple.

With several brands of beer on tap including Bengaluru's Toit, Record Room has something for every kind of beer person. And best of all it also serves amazing coffee – I mean how cool is that? One could channel one's inner Jack Reacher or Charlie Parker with pots of coffee while Amy Winehouse refuses to go to rehab.

There is a listening station, which Andrew Sabu, programme director who is also a singer-songwriter, will help navigate.

Food is on the right side of quirk and for your photo booth, you could take pictures before all the stacks of LPs. Incidentally, CCR's 'Have You Ever Seen The Rain' did sound richer on vinyl.

Opportunity to celebrate

India/UK Together, a Season of Culture marks the British Council's 75th India anniversary

:: RUTH DHANARAJ

To celebrate 75 years in India, the British Council will be hosting a series of events under the India/UK Together, a Season of Culture project. The 10-month initiative, which will culminate in March 2023, is part of the India-UK Roadmap 2030 which was launched in May 2021 to strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries.

According to Barbara Wickham, director India, British Council, it is hoped that these collaborations will create myriad opportunities, platforms and networks, between the artists of both nations.

"Like all seasons, there is an opportunity to celebrate and what we are aiming to achieve is a strengthening of the India-UK collaboration in art, education and English. We are working to ensure young people in both countries have access to growth opportunities and new ideas," says Barbara over phone from Delhi.

"Another aim of the Season of Culture is to provide opportunities around digital innovation. Artists are often ahead of the game in terms of creativity and we find a lot of this in their work."

Barbara says the project is also about creating a platform for emerging artists and youth to collaborate on 'shared global challenges,' such as climate and health. "However, we also want to make sure we are being as inclusive as possible so that the widest range of audiences in both countries have the opportunity to experience something different, especially members of those communities that have limited visibility."

In the coming months, Season of Culture will showcase 40 collaborations by 1,400 artists in 21 cities across India and the UK. Seven of those collaborations were presented at the launch of Season of Culture on June 7, 2022, in Delhi.

These included Future-Fantastic by Bengaluru-based Jaaga and Manchester's FutureEverything that focussed on the climate crisis; the Queer Muslim Project and Verve Poetry Festival which highlights what it means to be queer, British and Indian; and Ziro Focus which was about artistic collaborations in music, among others. Grammy and Academy award-winning composer AR Rahman was announced as the Season Ambassador at the launch event.

She goes on to add how the Govandi Arts Festival gives marginalised communities in Mumbai a chance to experience an art festival.

Talking about how art can be creative and educative, Barbara discusses how one of the collaborations on wildlife photography helps youth learn about their surroundings and how photography can very effective.

For more information on India/UK Together, a Season of Culture, log in to www.britishcouncil.in

Ushering change Barbara Wickham, Director India, British Council • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On stage Telling five stories with 15 characters played by three actors • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

WeMove Theatre's Kannada play *Sambandhagala Sutta* delves into the different relationships of women

Ladies' rooms

:: PRAVEEN SUDEVAN

Sindhu Hegde had always wanted to make a play with an all-woman cast. In 2017, when she was participating in a workshop for young theatre directors, actor Shernaz Patel suggested Miro Gavran's Croatian play, *All About Women*. Sindhu read it immediately and, despite the geographical distance of the characters, she could easily relate to their emotions. They were neither good nor bad. "They all had shades of grey, which is very colourful," says Sindhu.

She got the play she was looking for. Her colleague at WeMove Theatre, Abhishek Iyengar, translated the play into Kannada. *Sambandhagala Sutta* (Around Relationships), directed by Sindhu, has been staged across Karnataka. According to her, the audience, irrespective of their age or gender, related to the characters in her play.

Sindhu is gearing up for the first staging of the play since the pandemic. *Sambandhagala Sutta* has five stories, featuring women at different stages of their lives. These stories represent different emotions – friendship, love, infatuation, greed, innocence, and more. "People exhibit different shades of themselves in different situations. They change according to the relationships they are in, the people around them, and other things. We don't talk about this; we just box them as 'good people' or 'bad people'. I wanted to explore the different faces of women in different phases of their life."

The stories cumulatively feature 15 characters, played by just three actors. " I wanted to show that the same people can play different characters and still manage to look different and evoke different emotions."

It required a lot of rehearsals, wherein details like the material of the props were discussed and debated so the actors using them could get into the skin of their characters.

Sindhu also added an extra layer to the play. "I have assigned elements to each story - wind, water, fire, sky, and earth, which characterise that particular story. For instance, in a story about children, you can notice costumes representing the sky because, for children sky is the limit."

This, however, is a play that has already been staged over 15 times. To stave off the staleness, Sindhu says she has tweaked the way in which it is staged. "At least 40% of it has changed from what it used to be. It is also because I have changed too. What I was five years ago, I am not that person any more."

Sindhu, ever since the play's debut, notices changes externally too. "Back in 2017, there were very few female directors, in the theatre space, in Bangalore. I now see more women directing. We need more of them as we see more stories about women in cinema and plays. We need women, behind the lens and backstage, to tell these stories. Stories of women can be told effectively by women rather than men."

Sambandhagala Sutta (90 minutes) will be staged in Ranga Shankara at 7:30pm, June 10. Tickets on bookmyshow

Creativity on stage

Our Theatre Collective's latest theatre production, *Imagine a Room*, premieres on June 11 and 12 at Shoonya at 7pm and 4pm and 7pm, respectively; and at Ranga Shankara on June 14 and 15 at 7.30pm. Written by Shruthi Menon and Prashant Parvatneni of brown-study works, it is directed by Vivek Vijayakumaran, artistic director of Our Theatre Collective, who describes the play as an "absurdist comedy which unfolds in a land of no time and no name, where four people are challenged to question their ideas of safety and freedom by a mysterious presence".
Tickets available on bookmyshow.com.

Slay it with coffee

Slay coffee, a three-year-old cloud kitchen company opens its first outlet in HSR Layout, Bengaluru. Designed for the coffee lover on the move, SLAY Coffee Bar offers freshly brewed gourmet coffee. SLAY Coffee Bar is Tech Enabled, and offers a conversation-less, cashless, and wait-less experience right from discovering your coffee, ordering it, and savouring it. A great deal of automation in the backend, enables their baristas offer you a wide array of coffee. Slay is open from 7 am to 1 am everyday.

A journey in colour

Sublime- Inspiring Awe presents Badrunissa Irfan's works titled Freedom of the Soul. Her work embodies her "personal soulful experiences" and is a collection of artwork that depicts her journey to the beyond. Art, says the artist, also brought her closer to herself and aided as a stop in the journey of life at a bright and colourful place. The exhibition, which is on at Galleria, 8th Floor, UB City, will be on till the end of June.

The actor, who has donned serious roles in the past, forays into comedy with 'Shubha Mangala'

:: SHILPA ANANDRAJ

Dream team With the director Santosh on set • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Comic relief

Sidhaartha Maadhyamika is a well known face not just on stage, but also in Kannada cinema. The young actor who has been a part of plays such as '*The Tempest*' by Ramachandra Deva, Sam Kutty Pattomkary's production of Girish Karnad's *Tughlaq* forayed into the film world with *Kavaludaari* and *Bhinna*. While both were serious roles, the actor tries his hand at comedy with *Shubha Mangala*.

The film, which will be released in July features Sidhaartha in the lead. "The entire story plays out in a wedding hall, around the wedding of my character. It is a situational comedy." The low-budget film Sidhaartha says, captures reality on screen. "Every viewer will be able relate to the film as it deals with typical middle class issues, including how we plan everything, from life to a wedding, on a budget."

The film is directed by Santosh Gopal. "I am excited about being a part of a comedy. Normally, when we think comedy we think the character has to be act silly or stupid to make people laugh.

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It need not be so. Comedy can also be intelligent. We can make people laugh without being stereotypically silly on screen. Earlier, there were jesters, and Sanskrit plays had a *vidushak* just for this purpose. In life, all of us become fools at some point and later have a good laugh about it. That is what the film deals with too."

The actor is looking forward to the release of *# Mute*, directed by directed by Prashantt Chandraah, where he stars opposite Archana Jois. "We are looking at an OTT release for *#Mute*." Sidhaartha's *Roopantara* (directed by Mithilesh Edavalath) is also ready for release.

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Mumbai storms into semifinals with a record victory

Kulkarni, Mulani and Kotian share the bowling honours as Uttarakhand gets skittled out for a paltry 69 to lose by 725 runs

RANJI TROPHY

AMOL KARHADKAR
BENGALURU

For the second time in as many days, the Uttarakhand batters were found clueless against Mumbai's onslaught to hand the 41-times champion outfit a record 725-run win in their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal on the fourth day at the Alur Cricket Ground 2.

Having declared its second essay at its overnight score of 261 for three, Mumbai had set Uttarakhand an unrealistic target of 795 runs. Having lasted just 41 overs in its first innings, Uttarakhand batters would have hoped to stretch the game into the fifth day. Instead, the Mumbai bowlers rolled over them in the first session as Uttarakhand was bowled out for 69 just before lunch.

The margin of victory – 725 runs – was the highest-ever in the history of First Class cricket, overhauling New South Wales' victory over Queensland by 685 runs in 1929-30. In the Ranji Trophy, the previous highest margin of victory by runs was 540 runs.

Breached: Robin Bist has no clue to this inswinger from Dhawal Kulkarni in Uttarakhand's second innings. • R. RAGU

Only two Uttarakhand batters – Kunal Chandela at No. 3 and wicketkeeper Shivam Khurana – could reach double figures. The others found the Mumbai bowling too hot to handle. Dhawal Kulkarni started the rout with a fiery spell up front, Shams Mulani broke the back of its middle order and Tanush Kotian wiped out the tail in no time to give Mumbai won with five sessions remaining.

Kulkarni knocked off Kamal Singh's stumps with one that swung through the gap between the left-hander's bat and pad and crashed into the middle stump.

He then swung another one back into right-hander Jay Bista to hand his former teammate, who was leading Uttarakhand, a pair.

Battle of veterans

When Kulkarni won the battle of the veterans by setting up Robin Bist, Uttarakhand was in danger of repeating its mediocre performance in the first innings.

After bowling four outswingers, Kulkarni bowled one down the leg and followed it up with a perfect inswinger to see the off-stump cartwheeling.

In the next over, Mohit Avasthi pegged back Swapnil Singh's middle stump with an inswinger before handing over the reins to the spin duo of Mulani and Kotian for completing the formalities. Had Aditya Tare not dropped Chandela down the leg and injured his finger besides depriving Tushar Deshpande of a wicket, the game could have gotten over earlier.

The win formalised a tantalising semifinal between Mumbai and Uttar Pradesh at Just Cricket Academy from June 14.

The scores: Mumbai – 1st innings: 647/8 decl.

Uttarakhand – 1st innings: 114.

Mumbai – 2nd innings: 261/3 decl.

Uttarakhand – 2nd innings: Kamal Singh b Kulkarni 0, Jay Bista lbw b Kulkarni 0, Kunal Chandela st Tare b Mulani 21, Robin Bist b Kulkarni 3, Swapnil Singh b Avasthi 0, Dikshanshu Negi c Sarfaraz b Mulani 5, Shivam Khurana (not out) 25, Mayank Mishra c Jaffer b Mulani 0, Akash Madhwal lbw b Kotian 3, Deepak Dhapola c Deshpande b Kotian 6, Agrim Tiwari b Kotian 0; Extras (b-1, lb-4, w-1): 6; Total (in 27.5 overs): 69.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-1, 3-15, 4-16, 5-35, 6-36, 7-44, 8-55, 9-69.

Mumbai bowling: Kulkarni 6-5-11-3, Deshpande 7-2-20-0, Avasthi 4-1-5-1, Mulani 7-4-15-3, Kotian 3.5-0-13-3.

Biggest victories by runs in First Class cricket

- 725 - Mumbai bt Uttarakhand, 2022
- 685 - New South Wales bt Queensland, 1929-30
- 552 - South Zone bt Central Zone, 2010-11
- 540 - Bengal bt Orissa, 1953-54

QUARTERS, DAY 4

Bengal 773/7 decl. & 76/3 in 31 overs vs. Jharkhand 298 in 96 overs (Nazim Siddiqui 53, Virat Singh 113 n.o., Sayan Mondal 4/71, Shahbaz Ahmed 4/51).

Mumbai 647/8 decl. & 261/3 decl. in 58 overs (Prithvi Shaw 72, Yashasvi Jaiswal 103, Aditya Tare 57) bt Uttarakhand 114 & 69 in 27.5 overs.

Punjab 219 & 203 in 68.4 overs (Kumar Kartikeya 6/50, Saransh Jain 4/100) lost to Madhya Pradesh 397 & 26/0 in 5.1 overs.

All matches at Bengaluru.

PGA Tour suspends LIV Golf rebels

REUTERS
WASHINGTON

The PGA Tour on Thursday suspended Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson and 15 others participating in the inaugural LIV Golf event that began on Thursday.

A two-page memo issued by PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan said the suspended players are no longer eligible to compete in all PGA Tour events, the Presidents Cup and all tours sanctioned by the PGA Tour.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Akshay, Rohan bowl ITC SC to narrow win

Four-wicket hauls from Akshay Bharadwaj (4/21) and A. Rohan Patil (4/12) helped ITC Sports Club register a narrow nine-run victory over Karnataka Postal RC in the KSCA (Group II) second division tournament.

The scores: ITC Sports Club 148/9 in 20 overs (A. Rohan Patil 60, Vishal Kothari 31, Rajkumar Rana 3/17) bt Karnataka Postal RC 139 in 20 overs (Ram N. Chauhan 43, Venkat Sai 35, K. Visnu Balaji 33, Akshay Bharadwaj 4/21, A. Rohan Patil 4/12).

BEML RC, Bangalore 176/5 in 20 overs (Aman Raj 25, Yashwant 86, Ronak 47) bt Railway Institute, Krishnarajapuram 125/5 in 20 overs (K.M. Vinod Kumar 28, M. Bharath 31).

Yeshwanth, Ponnanna shine for Advocate Association

Yeshwanth (4/22) and Ponnanna (4/23) starred for Advocate Association CC as it thrashed Indian Air Force, Yelahanka by 116 runs in the KSCA (Group II) third division tournament.

The scores: Air India SC 219 in 43.1 overs (Yashas V.Murthy 45, V.S. Vinaya 46, Poovannan 28, S. Gowtham 3/33, K.R. Krishnaswamy 4/42) bt CMTI Club 78 in 31.2 overs (K.R. Krishnaswamy 25 n.o., Nouman Rahaman Khan 4/28, A.C. Alban Gonsalvas 3/14).

Advocate Association CC 219 in 40 overs (Manu Shresth 40, Afzal Khan 32, Jefin KP 72, Tejas Muralidhara 31, Vivek Kumar 3/45, L. Kundan Kumar 3/23) bt Indian Air Force, Yelahanka 103 in 30.1 overs (Pankaj Siyol 30, Yeshwanth 4/22, Ponnanna 4/23).

SWR Central Workshop Ashokpuram, Mysore 152 in 29.3 overs (Pralanjal N. Nagesha 35, B. Dhanush 32, H. Amogh 31, Preetham S/44) bt SWR Rail Club, Bangalore 30 in 14.2 overs (Sibtain Ali 4/21, Varun Ramesh 3/7).

Ametek Instruments India Pvt. Ltd 156 in 28.2 overs (S. Toufeeq 81, Mahaboobsab A.Chowdari 5/33) lost to NAL Staff Club 157/3 in 30.3 overs (A. Arun Kumar 39, V. Naveen 66).

Vedant's knock highlights Ebenezer's success

Vedant Kumar's unbeaten 75 earned Ebenezer International School a five-wicket win over Six Cricket Academy (Blue) in the semifinals of the Tiger Cup under-16 cricket tournament.

The scores (semifinals): Six Cricket Academy (Blue) 195/7 in 30 overs (Pranjal Jain 90, Manik Raj 29, Guru Shreyas 28, J. Aadharsh Subramanian 3/40) lost to Ebenezer International School 196/5 in 29 overs (Vedant Kumar 75 n.o., Aadarsh 25, Arnaav Sharma 35).

Just CA 190/8 in 30 overs (Siddarth Akhil 88, R. Shishir 44, Vajra 3/30) bt Six Cricket Academy (Green) 109 in 24.3 overs (Vajra 32).

Bangalore Club beats Tumkur Town Club

Bangalore Club defeated Tumkur Town Club 707 - 647 in a Group-A match of the Chandra Bhatia Inter-Club snooker championship being held here.

Other results: Group-B: Bowring Institute 767 bt KGS Club 527; **Group-C:** Century Club-C 741 bt. Ladies Team 726; **Group-D:** Century Club-B 751 bt BEML Club (KGF) 665.

Omprakash hits a quick hat-trick for DYES FC

A hat-trick from winger C. Omprakash in a window of 14 minutes helped DYES FC gain a comfortable 3-1 win over Vehicles FC in the BDFA B-division football league, at the Bangalore Football Stadium here on Thursday. After Omprakash scored his first two goals of the evening in the 50th and 56th minutes, Vehicles FC pulled one back in the 61st minute via a penalty. But three minutes later Omprakash completed his hat-trick with a volleyed effort. The result takes DYES FC to fourth place on the table, with 15 points from eight games, while Vehicles FC are down in 10th place, with three points from six games.

The results: DYES FC 3 (Omprakash 50, 56, 64) bt Vehicles FC 1 (Ravikiran 61); Tilak Memorial FC 4 (Anil Shankar 3, 30, 70, C. Shashank 47) bt Md. Sporting FC 0; Sree Gajanana FC 2 (Alagaraswamy 21, Periyaswamy 70+2) drew with South India FC 2 (T. Singh 9, 17).

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that our proposed expansion of the Residential Development Project at Sy. Nos. 117/1, 63/2, 63/3, 63/4, 63/5 and 63/6 of Singasandra and Basapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru has been accorded Environmental Clearance by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka. A copy of the said Clearance letter is available with the Karnataka Pollution Control Board and may also be seen on the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka website www.environmentclearance.nic.in.

By
PRESIDENT AND CEO
M/s. Emerald Haven Development Limited,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that we are investigating the right, title and interest of **Mrs. Pushpamma and others**, to the Land described as **ITEM No.1** in the Schedule below and of **Mr. P. Nagaraju and others**, the Land described as **ITEM No.2** in the Schedule below, all residing at Doddathimmasandra Road, Sarjapura, Bangalore-562125 and hereinafter collectively referred to as **"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"**. They have represented to our client that they are the Co-owners of their respective shares envisaged herein having uninhibited rights of alienation over the same and that none else has any manner of right over the same. Any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents thereof within Seven (7) days from the date of this notice, after which period, our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of any nature whatsoever with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof nor any objections for development thereof by our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Sy.No.98/1 measuring 2 Acres 03 Guntas, situated at Mahalchowdenahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded as follows: **East by** State Highway No. 648; **West by** land bearing Sy.No.99; **North by** Land bearing Sy.No.97/3 and Sy.No.97/4; **South by** Land bearing Sy.No.98/2. **ITEM No. 2:** All that piece and parcel of Industrial converted land bearing Sy.No.98/2 measuring 1 Acre 27 Guntas, situated at Mahalchowdenahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded as follows: **East by** State Highway No. 648; **West by** land bearing Sy.No.99; **North by** Land bearing Sy.No.98/1; **South by** Land bearing Sy.No.98/3 and Sy.No.98/4

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Place: Bengaluru Date: 09.06.2022

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F- /22-23/2504-05 & 2509-11 Dt:08.06.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works.

1) Enquiry no: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/19-20/EPR-79/CALL-06 Dtd: 27.09.2019 for the work of **"66/11KV Subramanyapura Sub-station. Tr. Make: EMCO Make, Sl.No. HT1316/11548 for Improving insulation values and removing moisture of the oil and winding of 20MVA Power Transformer-1 by drying out Transformer completely through Vacuum Pulling and Nitrogen Purging with simultaneous application of heat either internally or externally at following locations in BMAZ South Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru.**

2) Enquiry no: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/22-23/EPR-26/CALL-01 Dtd: 08.06.2022 for the work of **"Replacement of faulty insulators in 66kV Somanahally-Jigani-02 line from Kasaraguppe tapping tower to Jigani old station in the jurisdiction of TLM Subdivision Somanahalli on total turnkey basis.**

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or after **10.06.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link **'e procurement-KPTCL'** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.govt.in.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Trans. (Maint.), BMAZ South Circle, KPTCL, A.R Circle, Bengaluru-09.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT12415 Date: 28.05.2022

BRIEF BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)

Bids are invited for the work of **Design, supply, installation, testing & commissioning (After dismantling the existing CO2 system) of new CO2 system for Units - 2 & 5 Generator fire protection at Nagjhari Power House** covering all associated works and components to suit the site conditions, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. EMD: **Rs. 77,720/-**. The details of tender documents can be viewed on **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **06.07.2022 upto 14.00 Hrs.** Opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification and Technical Bid): **07.07.2022 at 15.00 Hrs.** and Part-II (Price Bid) of the successful bidders **will be intimated later.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Generator)** Nagjhari, KPCL, Ambikanagar - 581363, Haliyal (Tq), Karwar (Dt). Mobile: 94495 99106. E-mail: eegennph@gmail.com & eegenkalikpcl@karnataka.gov.in

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2,
(Metro Rail Project), No.14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.
No. : KIADB/LAQ/METRO/R6/ 2022-23/107 Date: 27.05.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Under Section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSRTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI **108** SPQ (E) **2022** Bangalore dated 26.05.2022 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated **26.05.2022** All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned , Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the News papers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 29.06.2022 at 11.30 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No.14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

Enquiry Date: 29.06.2022 Time: 11.30 a.m
Kothanur Depot Village: Kothanur Hobli: Uttarahalli-1
Taluk: Bengaluru South Dist: Bengaluru

Sl. No.	Property Owner	I.D. No.	LA/CTS Sy.No.	B.B.M.P. Property No.	Area acquired (Sq.Mtr.)
1.	C.Lakkshmi Narayana	DP-ADL-1	177/1	-	186.80
2.	Ramakka W/o Govindappa	DP-ADL-2	177/2	-	410.70

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, (Metro Rail Project), Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru.

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